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**TWO SIGNED LIVERPOOL
PRINTS TO BE WON!**

SHOOT! view!

THE average fan on the terrace believes that a footballer's life is a rather cosy one.

Beautiful detached houses, fast cars, fast living, pretty girls, fat bank balances, well stocked wardrobes of immaculate suits. Continental holidays and a social diary brimming with invitations.

Unfortunately that is not always the case. Consider the plight of Peter Reid, the Bolton midfield player, who was once heavily tipped to gain a full England cap and become a regular in Ron Greenwood's squad.

He never made it. The 24-year-old player's world fell apart after six England Under-21 appearances through a horrifying catalogue of misfortune, including serious injuries, disputes and more than his fair share of cruel luck.

The rise and fall of Peter Reid is analysed in detail on this page and the one facing it. It illustrates the pitfalls which can sometimes confront a player when his career appears to be thriving.

One minute on top of the world; the next gripped in the jaws of despair.

Peter Reid's case is particularly disturbing because the full circumstances of his dispute with Bolton have never been fully aired. They are a private matter between him and his club.

Unfortunately, public opinion seems to support the club rather than the player. It has been suggested that he is greedy, motivated more by money in seeking a change of clubs than a genuine desire to improve his career.

Remained

His name has been linked with Wolves, Arsenal and Everton but for various reasons he has remained at Bolton.

He has the strength of character to admit that during his transfer dispute with Bolton he made the mistake of not playing for the Second Division club.

The situation now is that he still wants to leave Bolton but is fighting as hard as anyone to lift them into the promotion zone.

Football is littered with case histories of players whose careers have been destroyed by bad luck or unforeseen circumstances.

Peter Reid could have gone the way of many by abandoning his responsibilities and saying "To hell with Bolton."

He is too nice a man and loves the game too much to subject the club he joined in the summer of 1971 to that embarrassment.

As the New Year fast approaches to bring the curtain down on a miserable year for the Huyton-born player, Peter Reid deserves a break in 1981.

"I want nothing more than to be a professional footballer," he says.

Given a slice of good fortune, and a lot of help from friends he has made in the game, he will achieve that in the next phase of a career which could still see him in Spain if England qualify for the World Cup Finals. SHOOT wishes Peter well.

PAIN is nothing new to Peter Reid. At 24, the skilful midfielder player has already experienced the physical agony of a shattered knee-cap, torn knee ligaments and the loss of a sizeable chunk out of his incredible switch-back career.

But when compared with the mental agony Reid is suffering at the moment, those months of operations, physiotherapy and lonely fretting seem to be a type of pain far more easily endured.

Those who watched Reid mastermind Bolton's march to the Second Division Championship in 1978, and his consistent performances for the England Under-21 side in six consecutive appearances, believed they were witnessing the dawn of a new and exciting talent on the international scene.

Fate, for reasons still unknown, decreed otherwise. And after crippling injuries wrecked Reid's progress, his brave and successful battle to overcome them was struck an unexpected and cruel blow at a time when the player's courage and determination deserved a fruitful reward.

Today, Peter Reid is attempting to rebuild his career for the third time. But instead of doing so in the surrounds of the First Division,

which seemed his natural and contractual right, Reid is plugging away with Bolton in Division Two, the victim of a confusing, red-tape riddled transfer bureaucracy which leaves the player looking like a money-grabbing trouble-maker in the eyes of the misinformed fans.

Contrary to popular opinion within the game, Reid is not obsessed with some mythical percentage crock of gold. Nor is he that concerned with the fact that the more wealthy clubs, two of whom he has turned down, could possibly offer him more cash than the club he wanted to, and still wants to join.

The truth behind the saga involving Bolton Wanderers, Wolves, Arsenal and Everton will, doubtless, eventually come out. But in the meantime we are left with the unsatisfactory figure of one professional footballer bearing the rather demeaning image of 'Aunt Sally', and a greedy one at that.

Reid reacts angrily at the suggestion that pure cash determined his decision to turn his back on Bolton for a period of months during which he trained with Fourth Division Wigan Athletic, went running in the evenings on his own, but shunned the opportunity to play football.

"We all make mistakes in life," says Reid, "and mine was not playing for Bolton during the time when all this confusing transfer saga was going on. I will never make such a blunder again because I have already lost a large and irreplaceable slice of my playing career through injury."

"Now I am playing for Bolton in the Second Division and aim to do everything in my power to help the

club push up the table and join the promotion contenders. That is the most important task facing me at the moment."

How sad, however, that a player of Reid's undoubted ability should be left in the shadow of such a baffling set of circumstances after it looked for so long as if he was going to play for Wolverhampton and even take part in their bid to re-establish themselves as a force in Europe.

The player's story began as a 15 year old with Huyton Schoolboys.

"I wanted nothing more than to become a professional footballer and jumped at the chance when Bolton offered me an opening. I joined them as a schoolboy in July, 1971."

international managers."

This almost inevitable recognition came in 1977 when Reid was selected to play against Scotland in the first of six England Under-21 appearances.

"The feeling of pride and achievement was incredible and it makes me mad to think that the public probably sees me now as some kind of cash-grabber when in truth I am a lad from Huyton who always wanted to reach the top in the professional game and become known as a damn good player."

Just when it seemed as if Reid's career was going to take off, tragedy struck.

"We played really well in season 1977-78 and clinched the Second Division title with a 0-0 draw at

'I'm NOT soccer's Mr Greedy'

declares angry PETER REID



Terms were agreed with Wolves boss John Barnwell for Reid to join the club from Bolton.

Reid impressed more and more with Bolton's Central League team, finally making his first team debut in 1974.

"Things went really well for me when I came into the side. We had just won promotion back from Division Three.

"I was developing my game, learning my profession and was ambitious to make the grade with a view to getting noticed by the

home to Fulham. I played in 38 of the 42 League games, scoring nine goals and could not wait for the summer to go by in order to play in the First Division.

"But I shattered a knee-cap in an Anglo-Scottish Cup game against Sheffield United and was out for two and a half months."

Reid's unselfish grafting paid off when he regained fitness and stepped into the First Division in a 3-1 win over Leeds United at Burnden Park on October 7, 1978.

He played in 14 First Division games as Bolton fought hard to edge their way up from the relegation zone. But then came another injury, this time knee ligaments, and it sidelined Reid for a whole year.

"Just when I believed I had a real chance of getting in on the full England scene, I found myself on the outside looking in.

"You feel as if your world has caved in. The other players carry on while you have to slog away on your own trying to be patient and trying to ensure that you do not damage your injury more because you want to play again."

By the time Reid's knee had healed, a number of people had forgotten all about his busy style, his keen positional sense and his ability to make a midfield tick over.

"After nine years with Bolton my contract was coming to an end. Although they had been a marvellous club to me since I left

school I decided that I wanted to move and I hoped it would be in happy circumstances.

"I met Wolves manager John Barnwell during the summer, and since Bolton had agreed to let me discuss my future with other clubs, I spoke openly with him about the game in general and Wolves in particular. At the end of our meeting I was convinced that my future lay at Molineux.

"Later on terms were agreed, and although I was quite happy with them they did not mean I would be up to my shin-pads in money. This type of talk is sheer nonsense.

"After that there were approaches by Everton and Arsenal, but neither club succeeded in convincing me that they could do more for my playing career than I believed I could achieve at Wolves.

"I spoke with Bill Shankly and my former Bolton boss, Ian Greaves and they both spoke very highly of John Barnwell. That only added to my conviction. Yet at the end of the day I am still playing for Bolton.

"The reasons are very involved and complicated which make the modern transfer system a headache, but I can assure SHOOT readers that they have nothing to do with me making huge financial demands. This type of tarring with a dark brush is very hurtful and totally unfair. I'm not soccer's Mr Greedy."

The one bright light to shine from the whole, extraordinary affair is that Arsenal's medical on Reid during his visit for talks revealed a completely clean bill of health on his once troublesome knee.

'Marvellous'

"That, I suppose, was one very definite bright spot in an otherwise dark period," says Reid.

"It is marvellous to know that the trouble has healed up. Such things can play on a professional's mind. You are only as effective as your fitness will permit and it is impossible to give your best when you are less than 100 per cent fit.

"At the time, I believed that it was only a matter of course before I pulled on a Wolves shirt. Things have not worked out as I wanted them to, but it is more important that I continue playing rather than waste any more of my career.

"I want to play in the First Division, but just what my chances are at the moment I cannot say.

"When I have to live with the fact that fans everywhere saw a small report which informed them that talks with Wolves had broken down, I know that they are left to draw their own conclusions.

"As a professional my career is of limited duration. I have wasted months when I could have played, but aside from that I stick by my principles."

Peter Reid has a lot of lost time to make up, and at such a tender age he has already experienced enough set-backs to make most people disillusioned. But he is a professional, and a gifted one at that and, thankfully, talent will always out, no matter what the barriers.



BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, December 13th

Villa v Birmingham

THIS is the 84th League derby game between these Birmingham clubs and on current form it seems unlikely that The Blues will be able to improve on their record in this series of matches. To date it reads very much in Villa's favour — Villa won 34, City won 26, drawn 23.

Birmingham City have so far won only nine League games on Villa's ground, although two of those wins were in their last three visits. The Blues won 2-1 at Villa Park in September, 1976 and 1-0 there in the following season.

It was way back in 1895, on a boiling hot September afternoon, that Villa registered the biggest win in these local derbies. At the interval they were leading 5-0, and although Birmingham (or Small Heath as they were then known) recovered in the second-half, the home side finished 7-3 winners.

Coventry v W.B.A.

THE Throstles are certainly one of Coventry's bogey teams, for The Glaziers have only managed one victory in their last 16 League clashes. That was back in season 1969-70 when Coventry completed the double over Albion for only the second time since they first met in the League in 1938-39.

Since Coventry last beat Albion at Highfield Road 2-1 in August, 1969, the Throstles have made seven League visits, winning four and drawing three. In none of these seven games has Coventry managed more than a single goal!

Ipswich v Liverpool

LIVERPOOL make their 20th League visit to Portman Road and their record so far on this ground reads Won six, Drawn five, Lost eight, including two wins and a draw in their last three visits.

If Ipswich win this time it will be their first victory over The Reds in a run of nine League clashes. Their last was in December, 1976, when Paul Mariner got the game's only goal.

These League games at Ipswich have never been high scoring. Indeed, in only two of the 19 played has either side been able to net as many as three goals — in 1957-58, when Ipswich won 3-1, and in 1978-79, when Liverpool won 3-0.

Sunderland v Arsenal

THESE two great clubs have certainly had some hectic games in the past and this will be their 98th in the First Division. To date each has won 25 times on the other's home ground, but with a slight edge in the early days Sunderland have won 38 overall to Arsenal's 35 with 24 drawn.

Sunderland have notched up the biggest score — beating Arsenal 7-1 at Roker Park in season 1953-54 when The Gunners made one of their worst-ever starts, going nine games before registering a win. Trevor Ford hit a hat-trick that day and it is worth recalling that there was a crowd of nearly 60,000 in attendance!

Since then The Gunners have won five and drawn two of their 11 First Division games at Roker Park.

JOHN Horne was so nervous when he made his Football League debut for Walsall at Burnley that he broke out in a rash!

It is nothing new for young Horne. Apparently when he gets nervous he suffers this allergy.

On the field he quickly got back to normal and helped Walsall pick up another good point.

Don't go, Frank

FRANK Worthington's two goals for Birmingham City in their 2-0 win over Nottingham Forest took his tally to 11 for the season and confirmed the view of the Midlands club's manager, Jim Smith, that the ex-England man is still one of the best strikers in the country.

Now Birmingham are trying to persuade Worthington to remain at St. Andrews.

He only has another six months of his contract to go at Birmingham and it is then his intention to try his luck in America.

Worthington said: "I was bought to do a specific job for Birmingham — to help them gain promotion. I did this and now I feel that when my contract expires the manager will have to find a younger player to fill my place."

He cost Birmingham £150,000 and manager Jim Smith is fully aware that he will have to pay a lot more than that figure for a suitable replacement.

NEWCASTLE reckon they could have signed the bargain of the year in left-back Peter Johnson, who cost them £50,000 from Middlesbrough.

And the United fans would agree after Johnson's outstanding form in his early games, including a man of the match performance in his debut against Watford.

In fact, it has been quite a time for the debut boys in the North of England. At Carlisle, £100,000 signing Paul Haigh was an instant hit after his move from Hull.

The versatile defender was also named man of the match in his first game for his new club — against Malcolm Macdonald's Fulham.

Colin Todd is best

COLIN Todd is still the greatest according to one of the First Division's leading strikers, Alan Brazil of Ipswich Town.

Studying the top defenders he plays against week after week Glasgow born Brazil, 21, says: "The two defenders from opposing clubs who impress me most are Colin Todd of Birmingham City and Brighton's Mark Lawrenson."

Added Brazil: "Todd is THE best. Although he is getting on in years he is still so sharp and quick to the ball. His anticipation is brilliant and he is such a good distributor of the ball. Although he is a hard man he is so cool under pressure."

"I have also been impressed by young Mark Lawrenson. He had a great game against us and I am sure that Ron Greenwood wishes he was available to England. He seems to have everything to me. He is a good tackler, reads it well and is good in the air. He's the best prospect I have seen, and could become one of Britain's best central-defenders for the next ten years."



MIDDLESBROUGH manager John Neal issued a pre-match challenge to Mark Proctor before the Ayresome Park visit of Manchester United. Neal said, "It is about time Proctor won the midfield battle against Mickey Thomas."

Proctor, aged 20, responded with his best display of the season.

NEWS DESK

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Loyal Giles

JOHNNY Giles' decision to join Vancouver Whitecaps as head coach next summer does not signal the end of his ties with Shamrock Rovers.

Giles, who was offered a blank cheque to move to Canada full-time, will be back in Dublin to take charge of The Hoops for the start of the 1981-82 season.

Although Giles has been reasonably successful in his bid to introduce a professional set-up at Milltown, it's no secret that the once famous club are losing money yearly. And Giles, who is part-owner, may plough back some of the cash he will earn in Canada.

Meanwhile it promises to be a welcome break for the former Eire manager's wife and children, who will join him for the summer holidays. With a bit of luck they should at least get some sun!

MIDFIELDER Steve Ward is only 21 but is already with his third League club. And this season he is out to create a record for himself.

Now with Halifax, the Derby-born player failed to make the League scene with his first club, Brighton. He then had one season with Northampton and managed to get in 13 appearances for them.

He means to improve on that 13 spot at The Shay.

Life begins at 30 for Kidd

WHILE Garry Birtles is struggling to score goals to match his £1.25 million tag for Manchester United, a player who cost them nothing already has two hat-tricks this season.

Brian Kidd, the striker who celebrated his 19th birthday at Wembley helping Manchester United win the European Cup, is still knocking them in for Second Division Bolton Wanderers.

At 31 he is showing that experience pays in the goal stakes just as Frank Worthington, Dennis Tueart, Bob Latchford, Joe Royle and Kenny Dalglish are doing.

Says Brian: "I reckon I played with the last of the truly world class players in this country, Denis Law, George Best, Bobby Charlton and Pat Crerand. And after learning the game from these fellows, pressure has never affected me. Scoring

goals is an attitude of mind and certainly coming to the age of 30 is no barrier."

Looking at the way Birtles, Kevin Reeves and other youngsters have failed to justify their fees Kidd says: "What has made it harder is the way that good prospects have been built up into superstars through no fault of their own."

"But when a club pays out big money for new players they've got to expect a bad time from the crowd if they don't live up to expectations. The fans pay for us to play. We are their property, so I'll never moan if they give me stick when I'm having a bad spell."

Wright sporting family

IT'S certainly a Wright old family! West Ham starlet Jason Wright has plenty of people to turn to when it comes to sporting topics — and that applies especially to football.

All the family love soccer — even though Jason's father and two of his uncles did well in the boxing world. His father, Johnny, fought Randolph Turpin, who went on to win the World Middleweight title, while uncle Joe Lucy is a former British Lightweight Champion and uncle Terry Murphy was also a pro fighter.

Two of Jason's brothers, Mark and George, were on Millwall's books, while his eldest brother, Eddie, was a circuit professional golfer.

Jason's dad always took him to Upton Park to see Bobby Moore perform and it came as no great surprise when Jason linked up with The Hammers straight from school. He has been showing some promising form in his favourite right-back position.

CLANCREST Limited are launching a new football souvenir. The "Collectors Pack" series are initially available for Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Spurs. Collectors Packs are aimed not just at terrace fans but also at football enthusiasts generally. The unique feature of each pack is the inclusion of a "gold" record featuring BBC archive recordings of the club's F.A. Cup Final victories.

SHOOT/SUBBUTEO COMPETITION

THE correct answers to the questions we posed in our Subbuteo competition in our September 20 issue were: 1. Justin Fashanu 2. Bradford City 3. Coventry City. The nearest correct entry received was from Andrew Woolford, of Swindon, who wins the Subbuteo World of Sport compendium of games. Second Prize of a Subbuteo table soccer stadium edition goes to James Weatherston, of Hull, and the 100 runners-up prizes of Trophy Trail plotters were awarded to:

Gillian Allday, Dunfermline, Patrick Allison, Sheerness, David Bell, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Julian Bell, Kilburn, Stephen Benwell, Hull, Gareth Berriman, Deeside, Matthew Bradshaw, North Cheadam, Stefan Brochowski, Derby, Michael Brown, Crewkerne, Graham Bull, Wellingborough, Paul Burke, Swinton, Darren Bunn, Kings Lynn, Simon Butler, Redbourn, Darren Cambridge, Morden, Martin Carter, Leyton, Richard Challen, Oldham, Darren Challender, Bolton, Dermot Christie, Ardmore, David Clarke, Oxford, Kevin Clinton, Brierley Hill, Shane Cooper, Crawley, Douglas Cumming, Glasgow, Andrew Cunningham, Warrington, Gordon Dalydell, Linlithgow, Richard Dunn, Maidstone, Robert Edmonds, Somerton, Brian Faddes, Irvine, P. J. Fielder, Adlestree, Simon Finberry, Nottingham, Adrian Franklin, Warwick, William Fulford-Jones, Billericay, Duncan Fullerton, Charlesworth, Christopher Gale, Coventry, Andrew George, Ilford, Danny Granger, Sawston, Nigel Greenwood, Lewes, Miles Harrison, Hampton, Neil Hayes, Buckley, Robert Henson, Leeds, David Hewitt, Norwich, David Hewitt, St. Helens, Robert Holmes, Milton Keynes, Mark Hopwood, Mold, Andrew Huckle, Bedford, Andrew Hughes, Chorley, Ian Huggill, Blackpool, Paul Kelly, Liverpool, Grant Lamb, Fife, Nigel Lamond, Wimbledon, David Leggett, Chesham, Andrew Lister, Whitehaven, John Lock, Totnes, John Luck, Skelmersdale, Alan McCandless, Ballyclare, Damien McDonald, Bangor, Paul Mathis, Swindon, Andrew May, Exeter, Mark Meyrick, Braintree, Helen Morton, Swindon, Paul Munn, Dartford, Adam Neary, Cheshunt, Mark Nicholls, Chingford, Marcus Nicholls, Rotherham, John Norman, Clacton-on-Sea, Robert O'Donoghue, Irvine, Nicholas Overland, Kettering, Jonathan Page, Saul, Stuart Pike, Cirencester, Andrew Proffitt, Stockport, Ian Randon, Leics. Ian Reynolds, Croydon, Robert Riley, Giltbrook, Elynn Roberts, Penygrows, Michelle Roe, Navenby, Stephen Rowland, Wheatley Hill, Dimitri Samersinghe, Sheffield, Dean Savage, Walsell, Christopher Searle, Newport, Tony Seath, Northfleet, Darren Smith, Boishurn, Joanne Smith, Oakham, Kevin Smith, Daventry, Andrew Somerton, Banbury, Sean Spokes, Bransholme, Kevin Stackhouse, Cannock, David Stanbrook, Muswell Hill, Graham Taylor, Nottingham, Jeremy Tilson, Nuthall, Nicholas Tipling, Harrogate, Michael Todd, Cottenham, Simon Turnbull, Birmingham, Jonathan Vigors, Nunthorpe, Jason Vincent, Poole, Kevin Waddell, Sunderland, Christopher Watts, Dagenham, Lee Whitlick, Eastwood, Martin Wick, Enfield, Andrew Wilson, Harlow, Peter Wilson, Sheffield, David Wright, Rugby.

HARTLEPOOL are the shock team in the Fourth Division with their challenge at the top.

But their rise up the table hasn't surprised experienced centre-half John Bird, who is now the skipper after his summer move from Newcastle.

"I knew from the very first training session that there was plenty of talent and ability at the club," he recalls.

"There are some tremendous young players here and I'm convinced we'll keep up our push for promotion."

The form of the youngsters has brought a steady stream of managers to the Victoria Ground.

Most of them have been tipped off about strikers Keith Houchen and Bob Newton and midfield man Mark Lawrence.

"They were the names I heard about before I signed," says Bird, "but there are others here who could go on to make their mark."

"I'm very impressed by Roy Hogan, who has just come into the side but is doing a thoroughly professional job alongside Bobby Kerr in midfield. And Phil Brown looks a great prospect alongside me in the back-four."



● **Former Everton star Roy Vernon is in Blackburn where he runs an antique business. He still goes to watch the occasional game, but admits that football has lost its attraction since he banged in the goals as the Toffees roared to success in 1962-63.**

He said: "I fell out of love with the game. The coaches were stifling the entertainment."

In his career Roy played for Blackburn, Everton and Stoke and also picked up more than 40 caps for Wales.

● **Congratulations to Norwich defender Phil Hoadley who became a proud father again when wife Mandy provided him with a daughter Kelly. He also has two young sons.**

● **Brighton have appointed Keith Wickenden — acknowledged as one of the most brilliant business brains in Britain — Vice Chairman in succession to the late Harry Bloom.**

Conservative MP for Dorking, Mr Wickenden is

**also Chairman of Europe's
biggest independent and
most successful car ferry,
Townsend Thoresen.**

● It was only natural that Celtic's Donegal-born 'keeper Pat Bonnar would join a Scottish rather than an English club. For generations, people have emigrated from the North-West corner of Ireland to Scotland, and the 20-year-old 'keeper, who has been included in recent Eire squads, has plenty of relations in Glasgow.

Gerry Armstrong (Spurs to Watford)
Garry Birtles (Nottm Forest to Man. Utd.)
Phil Boyer (Southampton to Man. City)
Kevin Bremner (Keith (Scot) to Colchester U.)
Keith Cassells (Watford to Oxford U.)
Gerry Gow (Bristol C. to Man. City)
Paul Haigh (Hull to Carlisle)
Kevin Hector (Vancouver Whitecaps to Derby)
Tommy Hutchison (Coventry C. to Man. City)
Mark Kendall (Spurs to Newport Co.)
Roy McDonagh (Walsal to Chelsea)
Bobby McDonald (Coventry C. to Man. City)
David McKellar (Derby to Brentford)
Terry Naylor (Spurs to Charlton A.)
Steve Neville (Exeter C. to Sheff. Utd.)
Peter O'Sullivan (San Diego to Brighton)
Pat Rice (Arsenal to Watford)
Andy Ritchie (Man. Utd. to Brighton)
Barry Silkman (Brentford to Q.P.R.)
Gordon Staniforth (Hull to Carlisle)
Alan Taylor (Vancouver Whitecaps to Cambridge U.)
Les Taylor (Oxford U. to Watford)
Peter Taylor (Spurs to Orient)
Peter Ward (Brighton to Nottm Forest)

Malcolm Allison and Tony Book sacked as manager and general-manager Manchester City.

John Bond, ex-Norwich manager appointed to Manchester City.

Ken Brown appointed manager Norwich C.

Terry Venables left Crystal Palace, appointed manager Q.P.R.

Bobby Campbell sacked as manager of Fulham; Malcolm Macdonald appointed his successor.

**John Trollope appointed manager Swindon Town.
Ernie Walley and Malcolm Allison appointed joint
managers of Crystal Palace.**

BIRMINGHAM'S Joe Gallagher can take heart from Don Howe, joint manager of the England B squad, who says: "We are short of big, powerful centre-halves at the moment and if Ron is thinking about a replacement for Dave Watson then Joe could be his man."

Barnwell's protégé

WOLVES manager John Barnwell has never been afraid to splash out on the transfer market, but now has some interesting youngsters forcing their way through at Molineux.

In fact, a great future is being forecast for one of them — utility player Mick Hollifield, who hails from Stockton-on-Tees.

Mick, who made his League debut in the 2-2 draw at Tottenham in November, plays mainly in defence but has had Central League experience in midfield.

He wants to settle down to one position, preferably defence. "You get sick sometimes when you get swapped around," he says.

Barnwell says: "The boy is so accurate with his kicking, long or short."

THERE were serious doubts expressed last summer when Spurs paid £750,000 for a virtually untried young Scottish striker . . . Aberdeen's Steve Archibald.

But those doubts have surely gone following Archibald's emergence as one of the First Division's leading scorers.

His successful switch to English football has come as no surprise to soccer's father-figure Sir Matt Busby.

Busby commented: "Whenever I've seen Archibald I have been impressed with him. He's got that very rare ability to make time for himself in tight situations. He reminds me very much of a young Denis Law."

Surely no praise can be higher than that!

ARSENAL veteran Pat Rice's recent transfer to Second Division Watford, where he teamed-up with fellow-Ulsterman Gerry Armstrong, ironically prevented him from becoming the first-ever Gunner to complete half-a-century of full international appearances.

However, perennial Pat's 49 Irish outings while at Highbury, making him Arsenal's most-honoured player in their 94-year history, could still be bettered by long-time club and international colleague Sammy Nelson, who, though out of the first team is just half-a-dozen games short of the magical 50-cap mark.

YOUNG Norwich defender Mark Nightingale is one player who has benefited from the departure of Carrow Road's former boss John Bond.

The arrival in the manager's office of affable Ken Brown has given the former Bournemouth and England Youth international his first real chance of a run of games since he came to Norfolk over three years ago.

"I really believe it's necessary to have half a dozen or more unbroken games before you can honestly adjust to the tremendous pace of the First Division," said Mark.

PHIL Neal proves conclusively that he is a better right-back for Liverpool and England than he is a performer with a set of bagpipes. His children Ashley and Natasha, and nephew Richard, would not disagree with that statement.



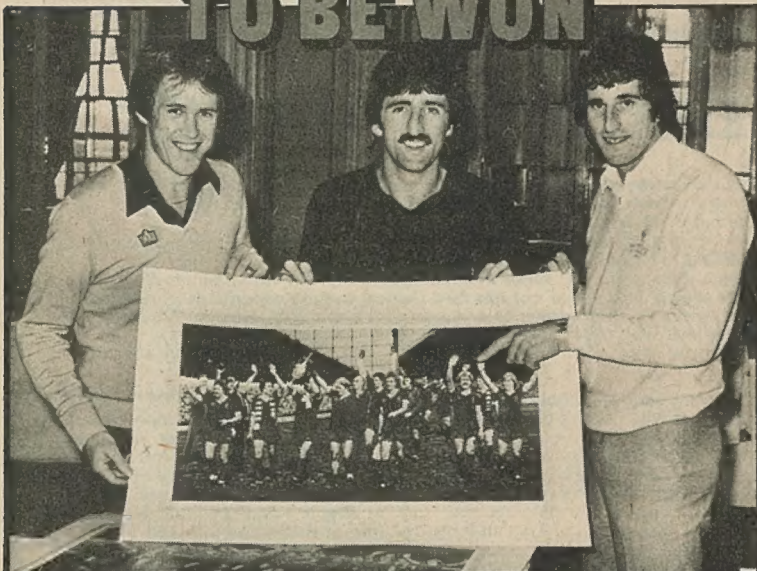
Postal striker

OXFORD United could get a lift in their Third Division fortunes once striker Keith Cassells has had a chance to settle in.

Cassells, who joined United from Watford in part exchange for midfielder Les Taylor, knows what it is to give clubs a lift. He had a two-month loan period earlier this year with Peterborough and helped The Posh up the Fourth Division table.

Cassells, who joined Watford from Wembley in November, 1977, is a former postman and just the type to ring the bell!

TWO SIGNED, FRAMED LIVERPOOL COLOUR PRINTS TO BE WON



'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS'

that's the title of this superb painting commissioned by HITACHI U.K. to celebrate Liverpool's Championship victory last season.

Painted by world famous sporting artist Roger Harvey, this work of art now hangs proudly in the boardroom at Anfield.

A few hundred full colour prints of the painting, signed by the players and artist were offered for sale and have now become real collector's items.

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Answer the three questions about Liverpool's success last season. Complete the coupon and paste it on a postcard (or the back of a sealed envelope).

1. David Johnson was the club's leading League scorer in the successful Championship campaign. How many goals did he score?

2. Only three players were ever-present for the 42 League games. Kenny Dalglish and Phil Thompson were two, but who was the other?

3. Did Liverpool score 71, 81 or 91 goals in their 42 League games?

Prizes will be awarded for the two correct entries judged to be the neatest with age taken into account. The competition is open to readers in the U.K. and Eire except employees and their families of IPC Magazines Ltd., the printers of SHOOT, Liverpool F.C. and Hitachi U.K. The closing date is Monday, December 29th, 1980. Winners will be notified and the result published later in SHOOT. The Editor's decision is final.

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3.....



'WE'LL STILL

IF Liverpool hand back the Championship trophy at the end of the season it will be because we've continually committed the cardinal soccer sin of complacency.

So many times over-confidence has cost us valuable points. After going a goal ahead we've allowed opponents to come back into the game and score the equaliser; or we've gone into a match still feeling euphoric after a fine win and lost.

This slap-happy attitude is particularly dangerous at a time when the title is being contested far more fiercely than in recent seasons.

Professionalism

The way Aston Villa and Ipswich Town are going, we'll need to muster every ounce of our professionalism to thwart them.

An example of our in-and-out form occurred over a space of four days in late November, when we beat top of the table Villa at Anfield by a one-goal margin, only to crash by a disgraceful 4-1 scoreline away to Wolves, a team struggling because of injuries.

After the Villa win several pundits went overboard with their praise, seeing it as a sign the Championship was as good as ours. Trouble was, we believed it, too!

It was no excuse the win over Villa gave us so much to celebrate: taking two points off the current League leaders, beating Millwall's record of 59 home games without



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

defeat, and a Kenny Dalglish goal that probably ranks as the most spectacular he's ever scored while wearing a Liverpool shirt!

The Villans were five points clear when we stepped out in front of a near-50,000 crowd, and although we had a game in hand we were mindful of the soccer belief it's always preferable to have the points.

So knowing we had a chance of inserting another entry into the record books for Liverpool F.C. was strictly secondary.

We knew we were in for a hard game against a team our observers had reported as being one in which every player worked hard and was prepared to help out from front to back.

As with all games involving well-matched teams of quality, we knew the outcome was likely to be settled by someone pulling out something extra-special — and hoped he'd be one of our players.

Kenny was the likely lad, and he didn't disappoint us.

His first goal was a real gem, one that if the TV cameras had been present to record it, would qualify for consideration as the golden goal



'Kenny Dalglish — goalscoring genius'

And it came after another flash of magic from Kenny who, receiving the ball from Dave Johnson, found his way barred by Villa centre-back Ken McNaught. So what did he do? Smack the ball between his namesake's legs and into the only little bit of space Jimmy Rimmer was unable to guard!

Not as spectacular as his first goal, but greeted by an even more deafening cheer from the Kop as it sealed Villa's fate on the brink of time.

So that night we were all on Cloud Nine, having beaten one of our biggest rivals and placed ourselves on the road to creating another record. But experience should have forewarned us of the danger of being brought crashing down to earth.

Whereas November 22nd was a red letter day, November 25th turned out to be one of shame.

Sub-consciously we felt confident of beating Wolves, a low table team with no Championship pretensions

Here, Aston Villa's Jimmy Rimmer blocks a goal attempt by Kenny. But the Scot beat him twice in the big game at Anfield.

Emlyn Hughes, our former captain, scored their fourth and final goal in a comic situation worthy of inclusion in a "Carry On" film.

He ambled through virtually unchallenged until he was running with the ball roughly 14 yards away from the goal-line and parallel to it.

About level with a post he swung his boot, miskicked like a crazy horse and sent the ball past me. Colin Irwin looked set to clear, but instead of booting it with his left attempted to control the ball with his right and ended up by putting it into the net.

It was that sort of a night!

And to cap it all, the defeat ended our unbeaten run of 22 games in all competitions.

The boss, Bob Paisley, summed it up in the dressing-room afterwards by saying that if he'd been a heavy betting man he'd have placed every penny he owns on us winning... "There wasn't one single move you made worth remembering," he said.

There's no chance of any similar complacency setting in this Saturday, when we meet Ipswich Town, the other main title-chasers, at Portman Road. In our first clash, at Anfield, they succeeded in taking a point off us in a 1-1 draw, and impressed me as a better all-round side than Villa.

Where Villa score is with their

WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP'

of the season.

The build-up to it gave no indication of producing a goal. Kenny received an innocuous-looking pass on the edge of the 18-yard box, and with his back to the goal and his way barred by three close-marking defenders, seemed to have no chance of even turning with the ball let alone getting in a shot.

But this was where he showed himself in a class of his own: a goalscoring genius who cannot be denied. Even though the defenders knew he meant to turn, they were helpless to stop him. Cleverly shielding the ball as only he can, he gave that distinctive wiggle of the hips, swivelled, made a lightning spurt and bent the ball round 'keeper Jimmy Rimmer and into a top corner of the net!

Shortly beforehand Jimmy had taken a knock, but refused to use this as an excuse for not getting to the ball in a Press conference after the game. "Kenny's shot was unsaveable," he said.

Any illusions we had that Kenny's goal would secure the two points were dispelled around ten minutes from time when Villa's Allan Evans jumped for the ball with our Avi Cohen and Ray Kennedy on the edge of our box and as it bounced managed to reach it first and place a

sweet shot past my right hand and into a top corner.

We all felt that in the process Allan had fouled one of our players, but the referee unfortunately thought otherwise.

It was then all the fire and grit Liverpool are famed for surfaced. Within seconds our lads were at the Villa players' throats again, thrusting for the winning goal.

and the spectre of relegation looming on the horizon.

It was a game in which nothing went right. Not one Liverpool player could hold his head up afterwards and claim to have played well. And that, of course, includes yours truly.

The final humiliation came when

Paul Mariner and Graeme Souness battle for the ball.



strength in reserve, with players of First Division calibre, such as Brian Little and David Geddis — once with Ipswich.

In the corresponding fixture last season we won 2-1, a misleading pointer to Saturday's possible result, for Ipswich were then suffering badly from injuries and in trouble amongst the "also-rans".

One thing may be in our favour: the fact that Ipswich will have had to play away in Poland in a U.E.F.A. Cup-tie. The game should not have taken much out of them, as they go into the second-leg against Widzew Lodz with a 5-0 advantage. But I know from experience that travelling to and from an Iron Curtain country can be extremely taxing.

If Bobby Robson's men are feeling any ill effects, be sure we'll take full advantage, and go all out for a win.

As I've said before, this Championship will not be won by home wins and away draws, but by a combination of home and away wins.

Our big consolation is that we're a "second-half side" — a side that gets stronger, and less complacent, in that testing time after Christmas.

We'll win that Championship for a third time. Bob Paisley can safely bet on that.

Ray Clemence

'Last season we beat Ipswich at Portman Road'

NEW

RANGERS' powerfully-built striker Colin McAdam must be getting slightly fed-up at being called the 'bargain-buy of the season.'

Yet it is hard for people not to make that comment when they examine his scoring credentials and then take a look at the fee which brought him from Partick Thistle to Rangers.

That sum, set by the transfer

Colin McAdam — Rangers' cut-price striker

tribunal after McAdam had ended his Firhill contract, was just £160,000. And it has given Rangers the most valuable commodity in football — a goalscoring centre-forward.

For 28-year-old McAdam, the move has brought him a whole new career. He admits that readily and knows that scoring goals in the first three months of the season makes it certain that the sweet life will continue.

He says: "It's a whole new world for me. I had been around Scottish football for a while before I had the opportunity to join Rangers.

"Most of my career had been part-time — I was a PE teacher in schools — and going to Ibrox gave me the chance of becoming a full-timer.

"At my age, at this late stage in my career, it was a tremendous opening. A lot of the players who are at Ibrox haven't known

anything else but being at the top. They take it for granted — but I don't!

"There is no way I can. I remember all those years of working during the day and then training at nights with clubs whose facilities are not exactly the best. Then I see what I have now. They are world's apart."

McAdam started off as a senior player with Dumbarton, along

with brother Tom, who is now the Celtic centre-half and his direct opponent in the last Old Firm game when Colin scored twice and Rangers won 3-0.

He played full-back then and when he moved on to Motherwell for a small fee he was still basically a hard-tackling defender who could be used to add muscle in midfield.

He was still doing the same job when Bertie Auld bought him for Thistle.

Then came the transformation — from a utility man to an out-and-out striker. It was a transformation which made McAdam one of the hottest properties in Scottish football when he slammed in 23 goals for Thistle last season.

He pays special tribute to former Thistle boss Auld. "He worked very hard with me when he decided I should go up front," he recalls.

"In fact both he and his coach Pat Quinn made me a striker. They worked on my technique night after night and if I'm a successful scorer now it's because of the work they put in on me."

He knew, though, that he had to move on if he was to finish his career with any kind of glory. And when Rangers moved in he signed. "It's where I always wanted to play," he tells you.

"I didn't hesitate at all when John Greig made his offer. I'd supported them as a youngster and it was the chance, too, to get into a team which might win honours and which should get into Europe.

"Maybe we aren't there this season but we shall be in 1981-82. I've never played at that level and it's been an ambition to do so.

"It would be good if I could help Rangers get back into Europe. Even better if we win a trophy. I'd love to get some medals to show for all the years I have been a senior."

● A Colour Focus on Colin is featured in next week's bumper 80 page, Christmas issue.

NO ONE has exploded on to the Scottish soccer scene with more impact in recent seasons than 18-year-old Celtic striker Charlie Nicholas.

Indeed, the last player to make as big an impression was probably Kenny Dalglish, one of the floppy-haired Nicholas' heroes.

Since Celtic boss Billy McNeill introduced the youngster as a substitute in the second-leg of the League Cup game against Stirling Albion at Parkhead, Nicholas has been a quite outstanding success.

At one stage it seemed as if the goals would never dry up for the quick and skilful Nicholas. After his first 14 games he had scored 15 goals and had failed to score in only two matches — one of them at Aberdeen and the other in Rumania in the controversial odd-goal defeat Celtic suffered from Politehnica Timisoara.

He admits: "I didn't think I'd be able to get goals the way I have.

'Boosted'

"It has been unbelievable for me since coming into the side. But I don't feel any pressure at all. I got off to a good start with a couple of goals against Stirling Albion and that boosted me, and things have gone well for me since.

"When I didn't score at Pittodrie against Aberdeen — the first domestic game I hadn't scored in — the boss had me in.

"He told me not to let it worry me at all, just in case I got upset. But he was great with me. He explained that I had already proved myself and that if I had scored 14 goals over a season he would have been pleased.

"The next game, I scored against Morton at Cappielow and I just want to keep getting goals if I can and stay in the Celtic first team."

There seems little doubt that Nicholas will succeed in both aims. His scoring is made to look simple because he has a real goal sense.

After he scored against Partick Thistle and Scotland goalkeeper Alan Rough with a perfectly placed floater ex-Celtic star Bertie Auld,

Colin McAdam (dark strip) turns after heading his second goal in the 3-0 victory over Old Firm rivals Celtic at Ibrox in November.



the former Thistle boss, was talking to his old team-mate Billy McNeill.

The number one subject had to be Nicholas and his rather special goal. Said Auld: "The boy did something out there that only good players can do. He looked up, saw the gap and placed the ball right into it. He did it perfectly and that's after just one or two games in the first team. He's got it."

Yet just two years ago the young Nicholas, a striker with his school team, had decided for himself that he wasn't meant to be a goalscorer. And with the Celtic Boys' Club side he began to play as a 'sweeper'.

He explains now: "I was lacking pace then. I didn't seem to develop as quickly as some of the other lads."

"It was okay playing up front at school but I didn't see myself doing anything there with the Celtic Boys' Club."

"So I began to play at the back in training and Frank Cairney, who runs the team, played me there. I enjoyed it but, luckily, I went back up front when I started to get that bit of sharpness back."

"Now I'm glad that I did get the experience of playing at the back because you get some idea of how defenders think, and how they will react when you try a certain move. I don't think it did me any harm but I'm glad I didn't stay in that

position."

Last season Nicholas was in the Celtic reserve team honing his striking talents under reserve team coach Frank Connor.

Says Nicholas: "Frank was good for me. I was too static last year and I know that now. I had scored a few goals and then people began marking me more tightly and I was just playing through the middle and not moving about, making defenders work. Frank pointed that out to me and it's a lesson I won't forget."

He didn't expect to make his breakthrough this season. Celtic had bought Frank McGarvey from Liverpool and they already had the talented George McCluskey for the striking positions.

Nicholas, though, forced his way through, and while he sometimes still seems to be marvelling at his good luck, he has worked hard to make sure he stays in the team.

He tells you: "I can hardly believe that I'm playing for Celtic with people like Danny McGrain."

"The boss has helped me too, just by encouraging me and talking to me and making sure that I'm not going to worry too much about my game. Or about missing a chance or two. That has to happen to strikers."

It does. But it happens less to young Master Nicholas than to any other striker in Scotland at the moment.

Charlie Nicholas — can't believe he's playing for Celtic



FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"You're standing on my corns!"



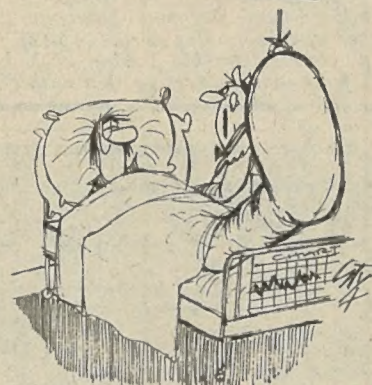
"That new player we just signed in a part exchange deal has popped out to get his old age pension."



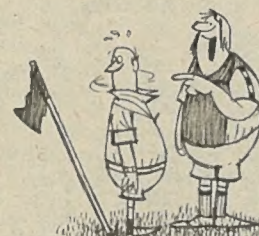
"He gave me a lecture on the good old days — when players were paid eight pounds a week."



This week Charlton's Phil Walker selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

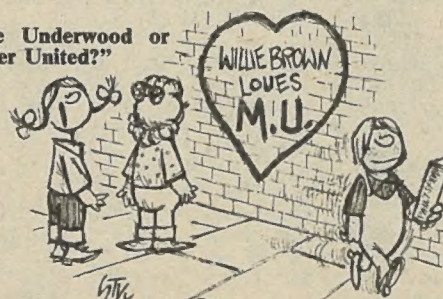


"The huge fee we paid for you was to play with a football — not your kid's skateboard."



"The linesman threw it, ref. I think he's trying to catch your attention."

"Is that Millie Underwood or Manchester United?"



"If I were a First Division manager with £500,000 to spend I'd buy our former striker Derek Hales. He'd get any team 20 goals a season." West Ham manager John Lyall.

"Dave Watson is one of the fittest players I've ever seen. There is no reason why he shouldn't go all the way through to the 1982 World Cup Finals." Liverpool captain Phil Thompson (below).



"Up front we're pretty hot. Antognoni and I do some nice moves between us and we give opposing defences a bit of a roasting. Our big problem is the defence, and once we get that sorted

They said it...

out we'll be a good side." Fiorentina's Argentine striker Daniel Bertoni after the Italian side had scored five goals and conceded three in six matches.

"Kaiserslautern deserved to win, but on the other hand we didn't deserve to lose." Bayern Munich coach Pal Csernai after their 4-2 defeat.

"Bet you a million quid you couldn't do that again." QPR's Glenn Roeder to David Moss after the Luton striker had headed a goal from 25 yards.

"I don't understand how England can be turning out teams with managers and coaches from everywhere but with no one from Liverpool or Forest." Swansea manager John Toshack.

"If I had my back to the wall Ossie would be the man I'd want alongside me. He's not impressive to look at, but there's a determination running through him that sometimes frightens me." Terry Yorath on Spurs teammate Osvaldo Ardiles.

"Paul Walsh is the only modern player I'd drive 200 miles to see." Charlton chairman Mike Gliksten.

"We run this club from top to bottom. We want a finger in everything." Forest's Peter Taylor.

"People like Clive Allen or Garry Birtles might have become rich men overnight, but I don't envy them. I believe that if you give everything for one club, you will get your reward in

the end." Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer.

"Scotland should start with Graeme Souness and pick the rest of the team round him." Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton.

"It's ridiculous that top referees like Clive Thomas should be assessed every week. Especially as the assessor is often a man who has been taken off the list because another assessor didn't think he was good enough to officiate." Former referee Jack Taylor.

"I was the first person to say Martin Peters was ten years ahead of his time." England manager Ron Greenwood (below).



"Every player up and down the country is available at the right price." Luton Town manager David Pleat.

"If City had been run the right way I would not have had the opportunity to come here." Manchester City manager John Bond.

"There isn't as much wrong with the game as people make out. Takings in pubs in our area are down 25 per cent and you can't blame that on hooliganism and lack of goals!" Coventry City manager Gordon Milne.

"My right knee has had more surgery than any other limb in modern football history." Ipswich Town's Kevin Beattie (below).



"Some of the things Glenn Hoddle does are fabulous. If he were a foreigner, the British Press would be building him up into a world superstar." England coach Bill Taylor.

WADDLE'S STYLE SUITS SWANS

ALAN Waddle never established himself at Liverpool, despite gaining a European Cup winners' medal in 1977. He played only 11 times plus five as substitute for them before moving to Leicester.

But the story was no different at Filbert Street. Once again he managed only 11 first team appearances before moving on.

So when the six foot three inches striker — one of the tallest front men in the Football League — tasted success at Swansea City he wasn't going to let it go. And that explains why Waddle, amid massive popular acclaim, is back in The Swans side and scoring goals.

"I love Swansea and I'm very happy at the club. That is why I was very disappointed when I wasn't in the side for the first games of the season," he explained. "Even more so because Leighton James had been signed and I reckoned that a winger was ideal for my kind of game."

"I worked hard to get back into a side which has no shortage of top players. What helped even more was the attitude of the crowd. To sit in the stands and hear them chant my name did me the world of good."

"I was given another motive then as well as professional pride. I wanted to do as well for those supporters just as I had done in the two previous seasons."

"I was leading first team scorer

with 13 goals in 1979-80 and leading League scorer with 19 when we won promotion the campaign before that.

"My career never really got going at Liverpool or Leicester. At Anfield, there was such a competition for places that I managed just one goal from my handful of League games. At Leicester, it was exactly the opposite — I was almost a luxury."

"Frank McLintock didn't have room for a player of my style because of the long and desperate fight against relegation. It wasn't until I arrived in Swansea that I had a real chance at the job that I know I can do."

Strongly

Swansea took a while last season to settle into Second Division football but they came strongly at the end.

"We lost one of our last nine League matches and I thought that everything was set for a terrific start this time."

"In fact, the start was good — but I wasn't part of it. Carlisle came in for me and I went to talk to them... but I must confess that the trip I made North was more to give me a couple of days away from the club."

"I wanted to think things out in my own time and well away from the Vetch Field."

"In the end, after hearing what Carlisle had to offer, I decided that there was no way in which they could match Swansea. It wasn't money; it was exchanging Second Division football for the Third. I had come a long way with The Swans and I wasn't going to step back."

"Their promotion had meant so much to me. It was the first thing I had won in football apart from that European Cup winners' medal — but I got that as a substitute who didn't come on."

"John Toshack has geared everything at Swansea towards taking the club into the First Division for the first time. After my experiences at Liverpool and Leicester, it's an ambition in which I badly want to be involved."

"In terms of the players at Swansea, the only way that you stay in the team is by being successful. Success to me is putting the ball in the back of the net and that's what I'm aiming to do."



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WEIGHT: 12st 4lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Nacional de Montevideo, Huelva (Spain)
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Ford Fiesta
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Wolverhampton Express & Star
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer
FAVOURITE OTHER CLUB: Real Madrid
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Mario Kempes
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Naples in Italy
BIGGEST THRILL: My international debut for Uruguay while with Huelva.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Failing to qualify for the 1978 World Cup Finals
FRIENDLIEST FANS: Wolves supporters
BEST COUNTRY YOU HAVE VISITED: Italy
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: T-bone steak, roast beef and white wine
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Uruguay or any seaside resort
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES/DISLIKES: Reading sports magazines and listening to music/No dislikes
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Spend time at home with my wife
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: Any sports programme
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John, Barbra Streisand
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Anthony Quinn/Sophia Loren
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go out with my wife
BEST FRIEND: Alfredo de los Santos, a Uruguayan international. We played together for many years
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Long journeys
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Uruguayan caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in England
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Physical education instructor
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Pope



SHOOT!

ALAN AINSCOW
Birmingham City



SHOOT!

AS SHOOT and most of the European Press pointed out last week, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge seems certain to walk away with the European Footballer of the Year award when the votes are cast shortly.

The Bayern Munich and West German international star looks way out on his own in the race to succeed Kevin Keegan, who has

Being Europe's Number One— RUMMENIGGE'S GREATEST HONOUR

won the trophy for the last two years.

Yet he was suitably humbled by the prospect when I talked to him in the Bayern dressing room beneath the magnificent Olympic Stadium in Munich.

Rummenigge told me: "This has been my best year in football, of that there is no doubt. West Germany won the European Championship in Italy, Bayern won the German Bundesliga title and are in the last eight of this season's European Cup.

"I could not ask for much more, but to win this award would be my greatest personal honour. This means much to every player in Europe."

The man who is feared throughout Germany by defenders, is now a world class player. His natural talent inherent in such tactical sense, skill on the ball, razor sharp acceleration and speed off the mark has taken him to the peak of European football. He seems certain to make a major impact for his country, as West Germany bid for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

But sheer hard work and a determination to improve the most crucial aspect of his game has also

played a decisive part in the rise of Rummenigge.

Last season, he scored 26 goals as Bayern won the Bundesliga title. Yet Rummenigge admits: "Normally, I am not a goalscorer. I had always played on the wing and was happy to make goals for other players.

"But it was necessary for me to add this to my game. I knew I must score many more goals than I ever had before. And that meant I had to learn about my new job, for I had to play further inside than I had been used to.

"Bayern needed someone to score goals, ever since Gerd Muller

retired. So I had to work hard to learn to do it, and it was not easy with only two forwards."

Rummenigge admits to a big improvement in another aspect of his game, goalscoring apart.

"I am concentrating very much more than I ever used to. Always, I had spells when I did not come into the play a lot and it was because my concentration was not so good. But now I concentrate for the entire 90 minutes of a match, and that is why I have been more successful.

"Confidence is one of the most important factors for a football player. He must believe he can do something well, so all those goals helped me increase my confidence."

Another 12 goals in Bayern's first 14 Bundesliga games this season have indicated Rummenigge's

greater concentration and self-belief, plus his increasing danger as a goalscorer.

His ability to twist and turn defenders, losing them in the tightest of spaces, has been a major factor in his success. The understanding he has with mid-field general, Paul Breitner, is another reason.

Ironically, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was learning his trade in the years of Bayern's decline. After a trio of European Cup successes in 1974, 1975 and 1976 (he played in the last one against St. Etienne, in Glasgow), Bayern went into decline at the end of a great era.

Beckenbauer, Maier, Muller, Schwarzenbeck, Roth and Hoeness all left, or ended their careers, and Bayern went from 1974 to 1980 without a single success in domestic football.

Last season's Championship title signalled the birth of the new Bayern and Rummenigge says: "We can improve greatly as a side. This team is at the beginning of its development, with the average age 24 and only one player as old as 29.

"It was a good time for me to learn much when things were changing between 1976 and 1980. I was still learning the game then and the arrival here of Paul Breitner helped me still further."

Negative

Rummenigge accepts that the European Championship in Italy, last summer, was too negative. "But sides knew that they might reach the Final, just by remaining unbeaten.

"So it was difficult to play attacking football against the defensive tactics. This was one reason why there was a lack of true personalities.

"People ask, where are players like Cruyff, Beckenbauer, Best, Law and Eusebio these days? Well, I believe there are great personalities coming through once again in Germany.

"Football here reached its depth in 1978 at the World Cup in Argentina, but now there are great players coming through. Schuster, Forster, Stielike, Kaltz, Hansi Muller and some younger ones.

"The 1972 West German side played some of the best football you could imagine. But although that standard will be hard to match, this new, young German side will come to that level again.

"There have been few personalities in European football this year. But in many countries, there are new stars coming through. I hope they emerge for there is a real dearth of them at present and football in every country needs personalities."

The lack of real personalities within the European game, should not detract from Rummenigge's probable win in the European Footballer of the Year competition.

He admits: "I was surprised at being second last year, to Kevin Keegan — I did not think I would do so well. To win the award myself, would be the greatest achievement of my career."

● by PETER BILLS

Rummenigge (dark strip) in action for Bayern.



THE WOMBLES ARE PICKING UP THE PIECES AGAIN

LIFE is nothing if not eventful for followers of Wimbledon. After their romantic exploits in the F.A. Cup a few seasons ago, they finally achieved election to the Football League in 1977.

And two years later they were on the move again, via promotion to Division Three.

Last season, though, they sampled life on the other side of the soccer coin, and found themselves travelling in the opposite direction with relegation back to the Fourth.

Now, after a modest start, the Wombles of Wimbledon are pick-



Dario Gradi.

ing up the pieces once again, and quietly edging their way back into contention for another crack at promotion.

"You can say I'm generally satisfied with the way things have gone for us so far this season," said manager Dario Gradi.

"Obviously, I'd much rather be at the top looking down. Who wouldn't? But I believe the team is coming together very nicely, and I reckon we could be in there with a shout at the death.

"We've only got three regular first team players left from the side that went up in 1979, and quite frankly, I believe the present team is a better, all-round outfit than that one.

"The players are definitely more skilful, but because we've got several youngsters in the side, it also means that it's less experienced. But they're learning all the time."

Mr. Gradi certainly has no regrets about the club's adventure into Division Three, even though their stay was short-lived.

"The players, officials and supporters all enjoyed sampling soccer at a higher level. It whetted their appetite, and they'd like to get back there to have another bash.

"For my part, I certainly gained some valuable experience, which I believe I could put to good use next time.

"If anything, last time I was guilty of concentrating too much on trying to improve the quality of

my players. There IS a gap between players in the Third and Fourth Divisions that has to be bridged, but I believe I may have gone overboard in that direction, at the expense of making adjustments elsewhere.

"I probably should have been more demanding with regard to getting my players to work and battle that much harder, to compensate for what they lacked in other departments.

"Defensively, too, I would alter my approach. I decided on a man to man marking system. But I found my lads were becoming far too pre-occupied with marking, and weren't pushing forward enough in support of each other when they had the ball. Consequently, we only scored 52 goals in 46 games, which didn't help our cause at all.

"But this season we've got back on the goal-trail again, and I'm delighted. It doesn't mean that we've turned full-circle, and are now throwing caution to the wind at the back. I'd simply say we're becoming more professionally minded."

Gradi is very much a believer in playing football the way it should be played.

"We got out of this Division by doing just that last time, and I intend to do the same again," he said.

"I refuse to accept that you have to kick your way out, even though some sides we've faced this season seem to believe that's the way to do it."

'Carefully'

Like almost all teams now, not only those in the lower reaches of the League, Wimbledon have to watch the pennies carefully.

But with justifiable pride, Dario declares: "We're rapidly approaching the situation now where I'm not forced into selling my players just to survive.

"There's nothing worse than that for a manager, when he's trying to build for the future. Obviously, I'll continue to buy and sell players, but only when I feel it's a good deal for the club.

"Dwindling crowds are a problem, I admit, but on the other hand I'm extremely lucky that the club is involved in so many other successful cash raising activities.

"The money they bring in has given me the room to manage properly, by investing in players in the £4,000 to £5,000 bracket, and grooming them to do a job for the club.

"Occasionally, of course, we strike lucky, and pick up someone like young Phil Driver, whom I recently sold to Chelsea for a handsome profit. But unfortunately, lucky breaks like that are few and far between.

"Perhaps our next one will be finishing in the top four."

MICK KENNEDY The Terriers' tiger

HUDDERSFIELD'S Mick Kennedy is a player who has a lot of confidence in his ability.

"Yes, I have," he says. "I'm ambitious as well, and that's why I joined Huddersfield from Halifax in a £55,000 pre-season deal.

"My contract had run out and the Leeds Road club stepped in. I agreed terms and signed. It was as simple as that.

"Huddersfield have been a First Division club and it's a top flight set-up all the way through. It's a different atmosphere altogether. The playing surface is better and the crowd more boisterous.

'Appreciate'

"In saying that, I don't want to be detrimental to Halifax. I enjoyed my stay at The Shay and I owe a great deal to George Kirby and Micky Bullock. I appreciate what they have done for me and I can't thank them enough."

Kennedy, 19, arrived at Halifax as a 15-year-old from Salford nursery club Barr Hill.

"I graduated through the 'A' team and the reserves," he says. "I made my League debut at Valley Parade against Bradford when I was 17. After that I never missed a League game.

"I'm hoping that I can establish myself in Huddersfield's first team just as I did at Halifax. With changing clubs I'm moving up the ladder and I'm confident that the team can win promotion from the Third Division this season.

"The competition for first team places is very strong and it's hard to get into a winning team — especially one that won promotion from the Fourth Division as Champions."

Kennedy, a midfield player known for his tigerish tackling ability, arrived at Leeds Road soon after the departure of Peter Hart, who left for Walsall.

"Team-boss Mick Buxton thought I was in the same category as Peter. We scored the same number of goals last season and he wanted to fill the gap in the centre of the midfield, which pleased me.

"Mr Buxton is a very ambitious man. As a player he was at Halifax himself, so he knows the problems at this level.

"As a pointer to this season, we played Blackburn twice in the League Cup and they didn't beat us. We drew 0-0 at Ewood and 1-1 at home, but were eliminated on the away goal ruling.

"Even the Blackburn manager, Howard Kendall, said that if The Terriers play like that every week, then the club won't go far wrong.

"Last season at Halifax we had a good Cup run which ended at Bolton. Along the way we knocked out Manchester City at home, and that was my greatest experience to date.

"But to win promotion with Huddersfield this season would easily top that. And to go into the Second Division as Champions would be a dream come true."



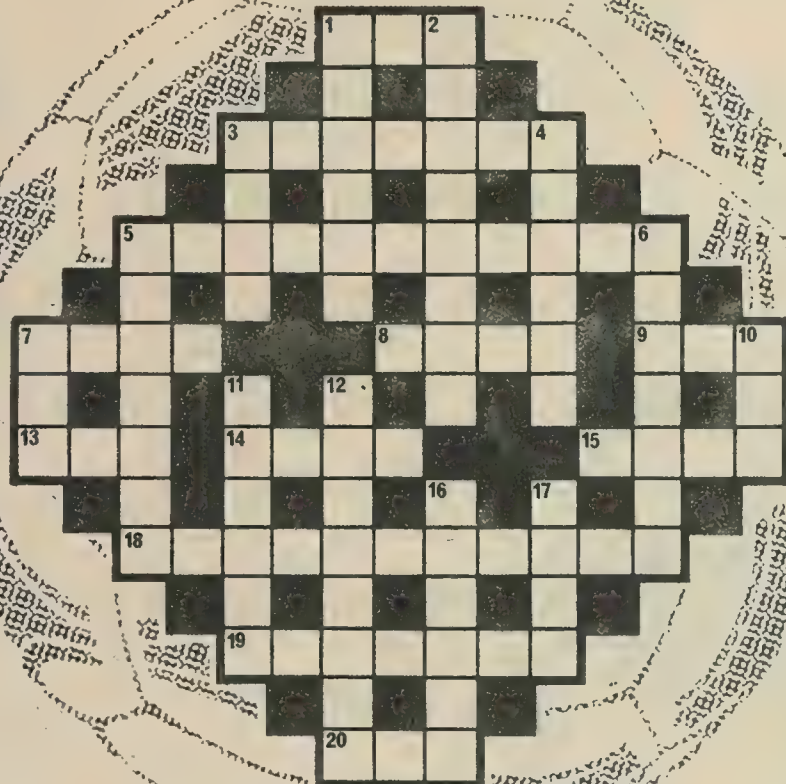
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 (15) Carry out an order. (4)
 (18) Crystal Palace mid-field player. (4 & 7)
 (19) Stewart ---, of Sheffield United. (7)
 (20) Steve P---yman, Spurs captain. (3)

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 (2) Filmed or taped for future use. (8)
 (3) There are 24 of them between the posts. (4)
 (4) Paul ---, Manchester City striker. (6)
 (5) David ---, Liverpool striker. (7)
 (6) Worthy of distinction. (7)
 (7) The "mandible" is the lower bone of it. (3)
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 (16) Mick ---, Wrexham striker. (6)
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'Defeat by Everton helped Villa regain winning form'

says **ALLAN EVANS**

ASTON Villa are a team with that Championship look about them. Their win over Brighton in October put the famous Midlands club on top of the First Division for the first time since 1933, when they ended the season as runners-up.

Manager Ron Saunders will make no predictions. He remains as tight-lipped as ever. The hair may be a little greyer after six years in charge, yet there's a twinkle in the Villa chief's eye that says everything.

He's gone on record claiming that the present Villa side is the best of the three teams he has built, and no one can argue with that statement.

For, make no mistake, Villa are playing the type of football that compels the onlooker to come back for more.

"We have a good team and everyone's working for each other," says Scottish defender Allan Evans. "The morale is excellent both on the pitch and during training."

"We started the season in fine style and got good results. That boosted everybody's confidence."

"Then came a couple of set-backs. Ipswich defeated us 1-0 at Portman Road in early September and we felt it was a game we should have won."

"We were beaten by Everton at home in the following match. We didn't play at all and conceded two bad goals. I'll admit I was one of the culprits."

"That defeat hurt and it knocked us hard because we lost our way completely that day. Maybe we thought we were a better team than we actually were."

"But that deficit seemed to set us right. Any thoughts of complacency were quickly removed and we returned to the winning streak again. Everyone is confident now, but not over confident."

"When Andy Gray and John Gidman left at the beginning of last season, people must have wondered what was going on and what was happening at Aston Villa."

"But during the summer Ron Saunders snapped-up Peter Withe and it was the tonic signing we needed. The younger players such as Gary

Shaw and Colin Gibson responded magnificently. Gordon Cowans is another youngster who is getting better with every game."

"Over the past two seasons we've been brought up together and we've got vital experience behind us now. It is starting to show and we're also getting the results we deserve."

Evans, 24, and a Saunders snip from Dunfermline, adds: "I think it's fair to say that we are now a team without a weakness. The forward department has improved and Peter Withe has made the difference. That's what we lacked last season — someone to make and score goals."

"We needed a centre-forward in the Andy Gray mould who would be a menace in the penalty-area and knock the balls down for Gary Shaw, Tony Morley and Brian Little to cash in on. Withe is that type of player."

"The midfield has always been solid. When Ron Saunders bought Des Bremner from Hibernian just over a year ago, he strengthened that department even more. He does a lot of unselfish work that is not always appreciated."

Strong

"And with Dennis Mortimer and Gordon Cowans, who are international class players, alongside you can see why we are so strong in midfield."

"At the heart of the defence Ken McNaught and I understand each other's play. We've been together now for three seasons, so we each know exactly what the other is going to do."

"Colin Gibson has performed very well at left-back. he deserved his chance and has taken it. Kenny Swain has been tremendous since he took over at number two. He's made the position his own and he's never looked back."

"Jimmy Rimmer is a good goalkeeper, and that's something no one can dispute. If we are under pressure at all then it's a great confidence-booster to know a 'keeper of Jimmy's calibre is last line of defence."

"I know Shilton and Clemence head the England goalkeeping list but Jimmy hasn't had the publicity and maybe that's why he hasn't had the recognition. Ask any Villa fan and he'll tell you that Jimmy Rimmer is the best goalkeeper that the club has had."

RIGHT . . . Peter Withe's (left) experience has been invaluable as Aston Villa make a determined effort to land the First Division title.





YOU ARE THE REF

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1

A defending player tackles an opponent dangerously and warrants a yellow card. You notice there is an advantage and wave play on. Can you, after the advantage has been implemented, caution the defending player?



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An attacking player is tripped on the penalty-area line. Should you award (a) a direct free-kick, (b) indirect free-kick, or (c) a penalty?

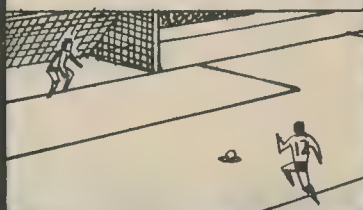
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An injured player wants to leave the field for treatment. He asks you and you agree, but his coach says "No". Can you allow the player to leave the field?



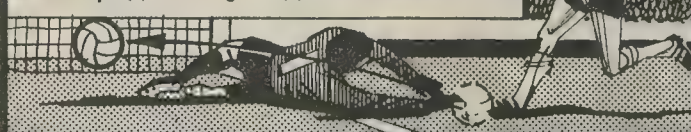
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Before a penalty is taken the attacking side's captain substitutes a player and then instructs the substitute to take the penalty. Should you (a) not allow this or (b) take no action?



5

A goalkeeper falls behind the goal-line but manages to hold the ball on the ground in play. The attacker kicks the ball out of the 'keeper's hands into the goal. Should you (a) allow the goal or (b) award an indirect free-kick?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. I recently refereed a fast and furious match between Brentford and Gillingham which both teams were anxious to win as Brentford had not won at home and Gillingham not away. Unfortunately, some players were tackling rather vigorously. For instance, Paul Walker of Brentford was running down the touchline and had just kicked the ball forward to a colleague when Steve Bruce of Gillingham tackled him late. I gave the advantage to Brentford but when the ball had gone over the goal-line I went back to show Steve the yellow card. 2. Yes. 3. A penalty (c). 4. Take no action (b). 5. Award an indirect free-kick (b).

I HAVE not asked Crystal Palace for a transfer! There is no truth in the speculation that I have demanded a move.

How these rumours started is a mystery because I have not spoken to anyone outside my family about my future.

So I'm glad to have this opportunity in SHOOT of putting the record straight.

Obviously I wasn't happy being dropped and then left out of the side for an extended period by Ernie Walley.

I have spoken to him about team selections after training, but not about leaving Selhurst Park. Not up to the time of writing, anyhow.

I wasn't sorted out for any special treatment, either. There has been no bad feeling. I've been treated no differently from anyone else at the club.

The situation could change, of course, if another club make an offer for me and new team boss Malcolm Allison decides to accept. But unless that happens I'm determined to stay and do the best I can for Palace.

Apart from being left out of the team I enjoy life at Selhurst Park. It's a great club with enormous potential.

At the moment I don't really know what's in Malcolm Allison's mind. Or Ernie Walley's.

Soon after Ernie took over from

Terry Venables I developed flu which kept me out for a week or so, and then suffered an abdominal strain which was more annoying than painful.

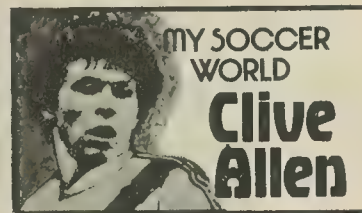
Fortunately a specialist told me it was nothing serious and wouldn't prevent me from playing.

Most of the action I've been involved in for the past couple of months has been for the reserves. I even trained with them so I didn't see very much of Ernie Walley.

It doesn't seem all that long since I was in the reserves at Q.P.R. so it hasn't felt particularly strange playing in front of a few hundred people at places such as Hereford, Bristol City and Norwich.

I treated every game as if it were against Liverpool at Anfield. I did my best ... and even scored a

'MY



Palace midfield dynamo
Gerry Francis who has asked
for a transfer.



couple of goals.

Two Palace players who have asked for moves are Vince Hilaire and Gerry Francis.

Vince obviously felt he had little future at the club after being left out. Gerry has personal reasons for wanting to get away.

At the time of writing, Malcolm Allison was in the process of seeing them both. So by the time you read this, the whole situation could have been resolved.

You generally get one or two unsettled players when a club is struggling. The Press also take more notice and blow up these stories out of all proportion.

Often they are exaggerated and unjustified, the result of a slack news day.

If Vince and Gerry decide to stay

forecast which three will eventually go down at this stage of the season.

All games for Palace now are going to be like Cup-ties. We just can't afford to lose many more points.

Nor can Norwich. Their weakness has been inconsistency over the years. Their strength... the ability to battle when the going gets tough.

As my SHOOT colleague Gordon McQueen said last week, The Canaries are one of the teams other First Division sides least look forward to playing against. You just never know how well they are going to play.

One minute they hammer a top side away and then go and lose to the bottom of the table club at home the next.

New manager Ken Brown is a

course. No player is worth what I cost, let alone twice that.

But players don't set the transfer fees. It's a pity because we'd soon get them to a more realistic level. The sooner someone does take positive action the better for all concerned.

I can see Justin leaving Norwich. Strikers are still wanted men... wanted by clubs desperate for the goals which can bring them honours.

All I hope is Palace manage to keep Justin quiet this Saturday when The Eagles should be good enough to stop The Canaries singing.

See you next week in SHOOT'S bumper Christmas issue.

TRANSFER MYSTERY

at Selhurst Park that would make nice reading. That's one headline I and Palace fans would welcome.

No club can afford to lose players of their calibre and class, especially one in our present position.

Gerry has been brilliant all season, often showing something like his old England form.

On his day, Gerry is still one of the most effective midfielders in the game.

Vince is also a fabulous player. A real matchwinner and crowd-puller. Whenever he's on the ball you can hear the buzz of expectancy from the terraces.

The goal he scored against Leicester at Selhurst Park was world class.

Unleashing

Picking up the ball on the right he beat one man, another, then another before unleashing a real curler into the net from the edge of the area.

Apart from his playing skill Vince is the Palace joker, always guaranteed for a laugh. Despite all the pressure he's been under Vince has remained cheerful, the sort of character all clubs need.

No one has adopted a defeatist attitude at Selhurst Park. Or any niggling vendettas. The lads all get along fine with each other.

Naturally we are all confident of staying in the First Division. No one is complacent, though. We realise it's going to be a tough battle.

When you analyse the other teams in the danger zone, Wolves, Manchester City, Stoke, Leicester, Brighton and Norwich, Palace's opponents at Selhurst Park this Saturday (December 13th), they all look capable of escaping the dreaded drop.

I'd hate to stick my neck out and

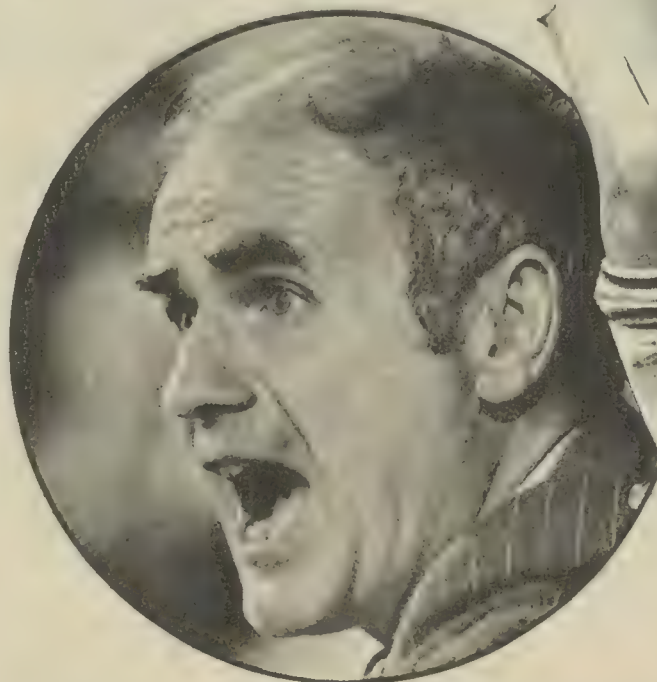
close friend of my dad's, from one days when they were neighbours in Hornchurch.

I know Ken to talk to, but my close pal at Norwich is Justin Fashanu.

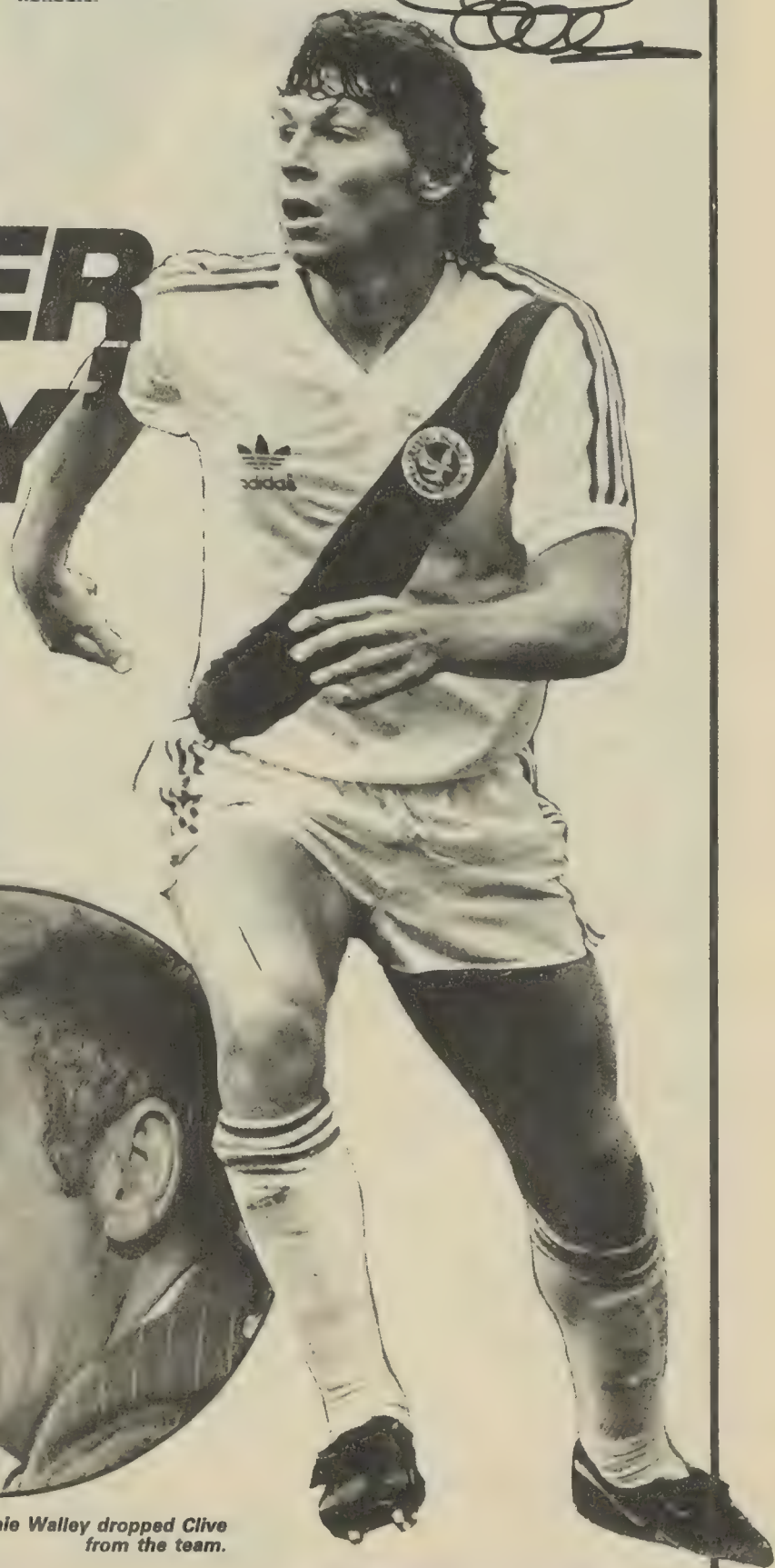
We've been mates since youth football and I room with him on England Under-21 trips.

He's going great guns at the moment and as long as he continues to pop them in Norwich can escape relegation.

It's this form and potential which has put him in the £2 million bracket. That's ridiculous, of



Ernie Walley dropped Clive from the team.



Nobby's proud of Preston

WORLD Cup campaigner Nobby Stiles relishes a battle . . . and he has one on his hands right now.

The former England and Manchester United star has been Preston North End's boss for seven years, and in that time has taken them up to Division Two. He had hoped to see them in Division One

next season, but at the moment Division Three seems more likely.

"At present we are inconsistent. Sometimes we play well and occasionally really badly," says Stiles.

"The biggest problem is that the players are frightened and scared by this lack of consistency," he added.

Yet despite his problems at Deepdale, Nobby remains one of the game's staunchest supporters.

After the Battle of Oldham earlier this season, when Sheffield Wednesday fans rioted on the terraces during the game, he believes those involved in football need to impress the authorities more than ever before.

"The game on the pitch is as good as ever. I don't think it has changed since my day," Stiles explained. "But the higher up you go, the simpler it has to be," he said.

"Everyone is knocking football at the moment, but I disagree. Earlier this season I went along to see Everton play WBA in the League Cup. Here were two big teams with a lot at stake, but the

performance they put on was a terrific advertisement for football."

Stiles believes the recession is also having its impact, but points out that it goes much deeper than just low gates.

"The bigger the crowd, the better the game. The atmosphere has changed. Not as many people can now afford to watch, so the crowds go down and the atmosphere dries up.

"I wish my players could have

the big match atmosphere of Old Trafford. Players rise to the occasion of a good crowd."

Yet despite the problems Stiles has encountered this season, particularly in finding a successful goalscoring combination, he insists that he still relishes his task at Preston.

"I get a lot of satisfaction from my role at the club. Preston is run very well. We've just built a multi-purpose gym and are expanding all the time.

"We also have many more younger players than in the past, and that has to be a good sign.

"My burning ambition is to see Preston in the First Division. I don't know if I will achieve that goal. We have a lot of hard work and the lads have got to take the chances, not give up, and achieve a high level of consistency."

His advice to the youngsters of the game is straight forward.

"A lot of people mean well when they ask a player what he is going to do when he is finished. But it makes them worry about their future.

"Don't even think about it. A good player who looks after himself can last ten years.

"I have played with and managed some brilliant footballers and I hope there will be many

more. I am so committed to the game, and to Preston, that it has virtually become a 24-hour job."

His spare time used to be spent playing golf, but he can't remember the last time he had a game.

"On Sundays I watch my sons playing. That is about my only spare time away from the professional game.

"But I wouldn't have it any other way. I am proud to be associated with Preston and the greatest game in the world, and I hope to continue in it for as long as possible."

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Liverpool's Terry McDermott (far right) scores a great goal against Aderdy.

'A season of glorious goals'

GLORIOUS goals and a personal plea to referees . . . they are the themes of Tartan Talk this week.

Goals first, and I can't help feeling that this is the season of the golden goal. I can't remember seeing so many quality efforts hitting the back of the net in such a short time.

In a previous Tartan Talk I mentioned my admiration for the goal Terry McDermott scored for Liverpool against Aberdeen at Pittodrie in the European Cup, but a couple of the shots which finished up in the back of the net in the second-leg weren't so bad either.

However, if you are talking about spectacular shooting, the blast from Alex Beckett in St. Mirren's 2-1 defeat of Celtic at Parkhead takes some beating.

I'm sure Alex himself would admit that it was one of those shots in a million which could just have easily ended up flying over the grandstand.

But instead he hit it before it even bounced and it exploded into the net from 25 yards.

There is no stopping these ones.

It was reminiscent of Alex Miller's last minute winner for Rangers again against us earlier in the season. And like Miller's, Beckett's came when there were only seconds left of the game.

And what about some other beauties? Celtic have had their share with Roy Aitken's against Airdrie being the pick of the bunch. In all modesty I can say it was from my pass . . . big Roy's turn and shot routine was different class.

While we are on the subject of Roy — known around Parkhead as "Shirley" because of his Shirley Temple haircut (but don't tell him I mentioned it) — congratulations are due because his wife Jane gave birth to a lovely little girl called Ashley.

Now we await the new arrivals from the wives of Frank McGarvey and Tom McAdam to complete the Parkhead youth policy.

But back to goals. Other favourites this season have been Charlie Nicholas' against Timisoara at Parkhead when he turned in the box to hook home, and a couple I saw on

the television.

Ian Wallace's overhead kick for Forest against Ipswich was a cracker and big Joe Jordan came in like a train to score a header for Manchester United against Brighton.

These goals gave the fans plenty to smile about . . . but I'm not laughing about some refereeing decisions this season.

Basically what I want is more consistency.

Offences

At the beginning of the season we had a talk-in at Parkhead and were told that referees would be clamping down on offences like time wasting and deliberate handling.

We were told not to kick the ball away and ensure that we were back ten yards at free-kicks . . . and that we did.

But as the season progressed we discovered that many players were doing just the thing we had been told not to.

My call to refs is this . . . be consistent.

Finally more baby congratulations, this time to Scotland teammate Alan Rough whose wife Michelle gave birth to a little boy . . . un-named as I write.

It's good to know that Scotland's football future is in safe hands — especially if the young 'un inherits his old man's goalkeeping talents!

After all, Joe McBride of Everton has shown this season just what a difference a chip off the old block can do . . . although I have yet to see him score goals in the quantity supplied by his old man Joe in his Celtic days.

Keep it up son!

See you next week in SHOOT's bumper Christmas issue where Rangers' Derek Johnstone's Tartan Talk will also be appearing.

Danny McGrain

NOBBY



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This week's Star Letter comes from Liam Sineaton of Portlaois in Ireland, who wins our special SHOOT T-shirt. He writes:

GIVE GLENN A CHANCE

★ I have been a Spurs fan for ten years and, to the best of my knowledge, Glenn Hoddle has been the club's most complete and consistent player in that time.

Surely he is the finest midfield player England currently possess, and his goalscoring record is second to none. Why then does Ron Greenwood continually overlook Hoddle when selecting his England teams?

It is quite clear that Mr Greenwood has a preference for Liverpool's Terry McDermott, but surely that was no reason for leaving Hoddle on the bench for the game against the Swiss at Wembley recently.

The England squad was decimated by injuries, leaving Mr Greenwood with only 16 players. Glenn has already proved he can perform at the highest level — as his goal against Bulgaria on his debut proved. Yet rather than give Glenn another chance against a team of part-timers, the England boss pushed Mick Mills, an ageing defender, into midfield where he was completely out of his depth.

Even when it was apparent that substitutions were needed to revive England's second-half performance, Mills, Brooking and McDermott were left to struggle it out while Glenn was kicking his heels on the bench.

I am not suggesting radical changes, but surely Glenn Hoddle has earned a chance to prove that he is worth a regular place in the England team in their build-up to the next World Cup.



● We can all be wise after the event, and I am sure that Ron Greenwood is aware of the potential of Glenn Hoddle (above). Changes will be made for the next game, and Hoddle will probably get his chance then.

Striking problem

WE ARE continually being told how West Ham striker David Cross can't stop scoring this season. Neither, apparently, can Liverpool's Graeme Souness, and Chelsea's Colin Lee is also afflicted with a similar 'problem'.

Surely in these times of so-called soccer crisis, who on earth wants them to stop?

RICHARD ROGERS,
DUNSTABLE

● Presumably there are a few defenders who are not too happy with the situation.

Nothing wrong with The Dons

I AM writing in reply to a feature in your November 22 issue entitled 'What's Gone Wrong With The Dons?'

I am an Aberdeen supporter, and I can assure you that there is nothing wrong with the team I follow. Okay, the result against Dundee was shocking, but full marks to the First Division side who battled so bravely against the Scottish Champions.

Critics have put our 'lack of form' down to the loss of Steve Archibald to Spurs, but our goalscoring record this season has been much better, as have our defensive displays.

At the time of writing, The Dons are TEN points better off than they were at this time last season, and lead the Scottish Premier Division by three points.

We beat Celtic 2-0 with half the team missing through injury, and our European Cup defeat can only be put down to a lack of experience in such competitions.

As long as we maintain our current form, we will gain plenty more experience of Europe in the coming years, aided by the club retaining the Scottish Championship.

What's gone wrong with The Dons? NOTHING!

SHONAGH GORDON,
KINCAIRD SHIRE

● Aberdeen certainly seem to have overcome the defeats in the European and League Cups in style. I agree with you when you say they will probably be Scottish Champions once again.

Bitter complaint

IN your report on soccer violence, the control of alcohol was strongly advocated by the clubs spoken to. However, in a recent Liverpool programme I noticed two adverts for beer, one of which read 'Before or after the game — it goes down a treat'.

Which side are the clubs really on?

CAROL YOUNG,
LIVERPOOL

● If everybody practised what they preached the game would be in a much healthier state.

Under-21 switch

CONSIDERING that only 3,808 spectators turned up to see England's Under-21 game against Switzerland at Ipswich, wouldn't it have been better for all if this fixture had been played the following night at Wembley before the full international?

Such an arrangement would have given the young players a valuable taste of the big atmosphere, and would

also have acted as a bonus for the loyal England supporters who travel many miles to watch their country.

C. FRANCIS,
STOWMARKET

● I agree that it would be a tremendous bonus for England's long-suffering fans, but to fit in both matches would mean the Under 21-game kicking off somewhere around 5 o'clock.

No difference, Cloughie

BRIAN CLOUGH recently hit out at Scottish supporters who cause trouble at games, but why is he so bombastic as to segregate them from their English counterparts? Surely these hooligans are scum no matter which side of the border they come from.

I was disgusted to see newspaper photos of police struggling with just such trash at a game in England recently — but the difference was that they were girls!

At least I can honestly say that I have never seen such a degrading spectacle at any Scottish ground.

JOHN JUDGE,
GLASGOW



● Cloughie (above) was wrong to single out the Scottish hooligans, but he has always taken a firm stand against the thugs who are ruining football, and nobody can criticise him for that.

Top tipster?

IN A recent newspaper interview, Kilmarnock manager Davie Sneddon predicted: 'We will win against Partick today, on Tuesday against Notts County in the Anglo-Scottish Cup and next Saturday against Airdrie. It will be a big week for us.'

The results? Kilmarnock 0, Partick 1; Kilmarnock 1, Notts County 2; Kilmarnock 1, Airdrie 1.

I can assure you that I would not let Mr Sneddon fill in my pools coupon!

WILLIAM ADAM,
GLASGOW

● Me neither!

Pen-Pal

I AM a football fan living in Sweden, and I would like to correspond with an English supporter of Wolves.

MAGNUS TERRUIK,
LOUKOJEVAGENS,
43400 KUNGSBACKA,
SWEDEN

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Inactive 'keeper

Has there ever been a match in which a goalkeeper never touched the ball?

PAUL SPREADBURY,
PORTSMOUTH

● Well, Paul, there was that famous old-time Scottish F.A. Cup-tie on 5th September, 1885 — in which Arbroath beat Bon Accord by the record score of 38-0.

According to local papers next day: 'Milne, Arbroath's goalie, neither touched nor kicked the ball in all the 90 minutes, but protected himself from the rain under the friendly shelter of a spectator's umbrella.'

Spot-on Robbo

I know John Robertson scored a lot of penalties for Forest last season, but who did he get them against?

ORLANDO LOOPES,
INDIA

● Well, Orlando, he had eight in the First Division — against Wolves (home); Bolton (home); Derby (away); Villa (home); Coventry (away); Middlesbrough (home); Southampton (home); and Manchester United (home).

Then Robbo hit another three in the League Cup — one past Liverpool's Ray Clemence in each leg of the Semi-Final; plus an earlier one at home to Blackburn.

Not forgetting another couple in the European Cup — against Dynamo Berlin (away), and Ajax (home).

Top F.A. Cup scorer

What is the highest number of goals ever scored by one player in an F.A. Cup-tie?

KAZ MBEYOMBO,
MALAWI

● Ted MacDougall holds that record with nine, Kaz.

He scored them in Bournemouth's 11-0 victory over non-League Margate on 20th November, 1971.

SHORT PASSES

● Brian Clough played in two full internationals for England — in the 1-1 Cardiff draw with Wales on 17th October, 1959, and in the 3-2 Wembley defeat by Sweden 11 days later.

(JIMMY FLAHERTY, Eire)

● Liverpool have played in six F.A. Cup Finals — winning in 1965 and 1974; and losing in 1914, 1950, 1971, and 1977.

(NOORANEE ROOSSAYE,
Mauritius)

● Southampton's worst defeat was by 8-0 — at Tottenham (Division Two; 28th March, 1936), and at Everton (Division One, 20th November, 1971).

(JOHN IOANNIDIS, Greece)

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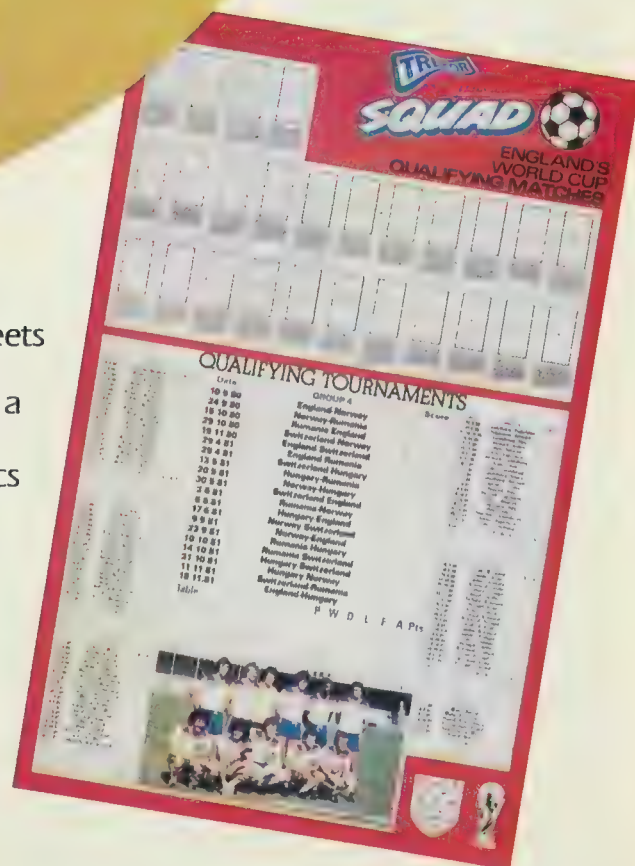
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ABERDEEN



BACK ROW: (left to right): Alex McLeish, Ian Scanlon, Drew Jarvis, Jim Leighton, Doug Rougvie, Andy Watson.
FRONT ROW: Gordon Strachan, Willie Miller, Drew McMaster, Stuart Kennedy, Mark McGhee.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

ABERDEEN

-the SOCCER boom city

THE much-maligned Ally MacLeod started the ball rolling, Billy McNeill kept up the good work and now Alex Ferguson is firmly in charge.

Aberdeen's revival as a soccer power was a long time coming, but the Pittodrie fans say it has been well worth the wait after last season's historic Premier Division title triumph and the promise of better things to come.

It was MacLeod five seasons ago who took over control of the club after Jimmy Bonithrone had left. "Don't call Aberdeen the oil boom city," roared MacLeod. "I want this to be the soccer boom city. I want everyone talking about football not oil."

The Pittodrie fans were not immediately stimulated. They had seen good sides built and then taken apart whenever big cheques were waved tantalisingly in front of the men who rule the club.

A procession of players such as Martin Buchan, Tommy Craig, Jimmy Smith, Joe Harper — later to return — Zoltan Varga, Willie Young, Davie Smith and Steve Murray had left the Pittodrie outfit just when things were looking good.

Promises

A decade ago the team shocked everyone with a fine 3-1 victory over Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden and there were promises of a new era. It didn't emerge. Players left at a furious pace and even manager Eddie Turnbull was lured to his first love, Hibs.

Until MacLeod took over the team had won little of note. Within a season he had taken them to an extra-time 2-1 League Cup Final victory over Celtic and things were starting to happen.

"It was a sad day when I left Pittodrie," says MacLeod. "I had been offered the job as Scotland manager and I had never made any secret that I wanted to take charge of the national side at some point."

"I left knowing there was a good side at Pittodrie waiting for someone to take over."

Former Celtic centre-half, captain and inspiration Billy McNeill was MacLeod's successor and he continued the good work, despite the fact that the team won nothing while he was there.

But the foundation was laid. For a mere £70,000 he bought Steve

by ALEX GORDON

knew we had won the Championship I just couldn't stop myself from running on to the pitch to congratulate my players.

"But this is just the start. There is a lot more to come. We are over the disappointments of the European Cup games against Liverpool now, but we enjoyed the taste of the big time and glamour

and we have no intention of settling for anything less now.

"I'm happy with Aberdeen and I really enjoy life up North. You know, when my name was linked with the vacant Newcastle job earlier this season my son came from school all excited to tell his mum what he had found out.

"His mother took the news well and said: 'Well, he's going without me. I like it here and I'm not leaving.' And then my son said: 'Yes, me, too, mum.' That tells you what we all think of Aberdeen."

Gordon Strachan, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Mark McGhee, Andy Watson, and Doug Bell have all been capped at various levels by Scotland this season and that is a tribute to Fergie's skilful handling of individuals as well as overall running of the club.

Twenty five years was a long time for the Pittodrie fans to wait for a title success. It's unlikely they will have to wait as long for another one!



LEFT ... The Dons' boss Alex Ferguson.

RIGHT ... One of the heroes of the Pittodrie crowd is Mark McGhee.



Archibald from Clyde and Ian Scanlon from Notts County — two marvellous bargain buys.

During McNeill's one season reign Aberdeen were narrowly beaten 2-1 by Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final and were pipped for the Premier Division title by the Ibrox men.

HONOURS

Scottish Champions: 1955, 1980.
Scottish Cup winners: 1947, 1970.
Runners-up: 1937, 1953, 1954, 1959, 1967, 1978.
Scottish League Cup winners: 1946, 1956, 1977.
Runners-up: 1947, 1979, 1980.
Drybrough Cup winners: 1971.
Record Last Season: Premier Division Champions.
Scottish Cup: Semi-Finals.
Scottish League Cup: Runners-up.

McNeill then left for Celtic, taking his assistant John Clark with him, and Pittodrie supremo Dick Donald bemoaned: "We have lost two managers in two seasons."

Alex Ferguson then took over and the reward for his efforts came last season when the club clinched its first League title success in a quarter of a century.

"That was undoubtedly the happiest day of my life in football," says Fergie. "When the referee blew the final whistle on our game against Hibs at Easter Road and I

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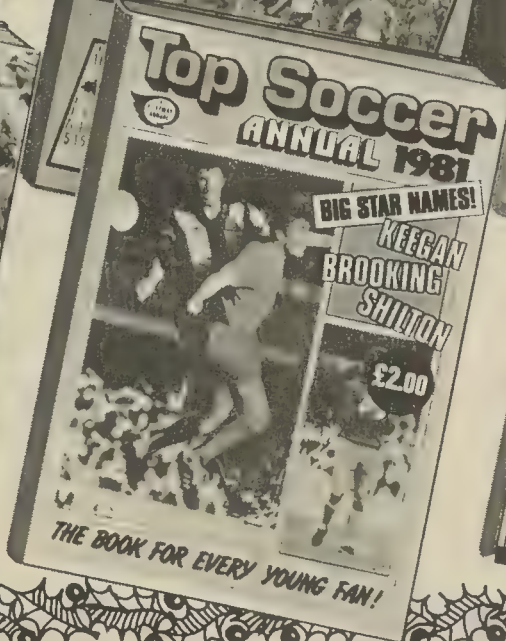
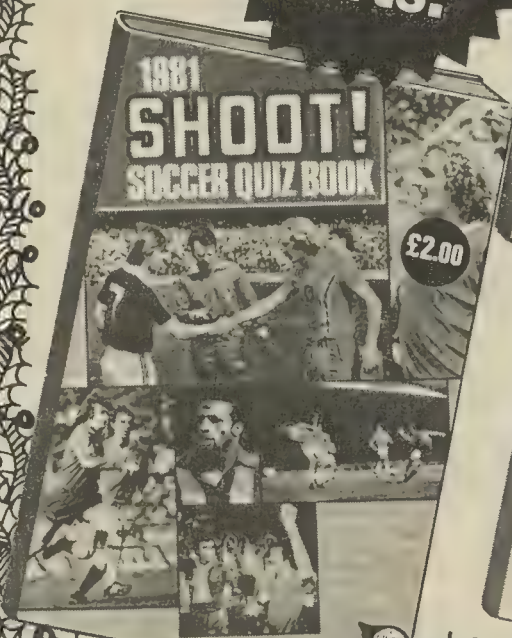
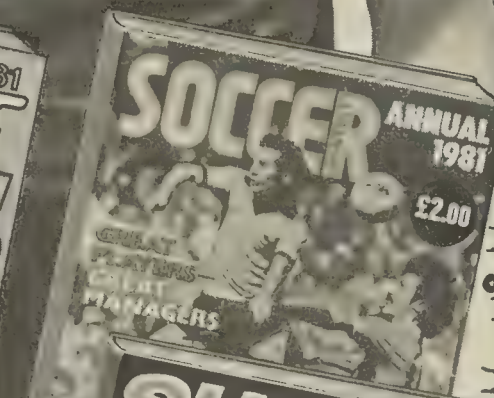
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WHEN Hans Krankl won the Golden Boot in 1978 after hitting Europe's top tally of 41 goals for Rapid Vienna, his future looked bright.

His spectacular goals for Austria during their 1978 World Cup campaign, made things even brighter.

It improved even more when he signed a three-year contract for Barcelona in June, 1978.

When in 1979 he topped the Spanish goal charts and led Barcelona to a Cup-Winners' Cup triumph, who would have believed that within 18 months he would have been devalued and chucked out twice?

Things started to go wrong at the beginning of the 1979-80 season when Hans lost his goal touch and fell out with Barcelona's then-manager Joaquim Riffe. By Christmas the rift had reached breaking point and the club directors decided to release Krankl and sign Brazilian striker Roberto 'Dynamite' in his place.

In the summer Barcelona had long since got rid of Roberto 'Dynamite' and had failed in their bids to sign Diego Maradona, Kevin Keegan, Tony Woodcock, Klaus Allofs, Hansi Müller, Jan Ceulemans, Trevor Francis and a long etcetera.

As a last resort they turned back to ... Hans Krankl! But the 27-year-old Austrian had received an interesting

again and move to another club for considerably less money.

Incidentally, as predicted in World Wide in our November 8th issue, Barcelona manager Ladislao Kubala was sacked — on November 8th!

Barcelona handled the affair with the subtlety of a Tommy Smith tackle. Kubala was with the Barcelona team preparing for the game against Atletico Madrid when the directors met Helenio Herrera, caretaker boss last season and now the international adviser (scout) at the airport.

Herrera was driven to the hotel ... Kubala was asked/told to leave ... and Herrera was asked/told to prepare the side for the game.

Barcelona find themselves once again searching for a manager, but the way the club is run I can't see any of Europe's top men wanting to be in charge at such a club.

There seems to be no end to the problems of the fallen Catalan giants, and it seems that only the lure of cash will attract many of Europe's top managers to Barcelona.

Barcelona sack Krankl twice in ten months!

offer from Juventus and started playing hard-to-get.

Barcelona finally secured his return by extending his contract until June, 1982 and upping his annual signing-on fee to £120,000 per season, and Hans was back in training with the Catalan club in July.

But only a month after the start of the season, the rumours started. Barcelona were trying to sign Bernd Schuster from Cologne. The directors denied their interest in the West German international, but the signing was confirmed late in October.

Discard

At first Allan Simonsen was favourite for 'the chop', but when the time came to discard a foreign player to make room for Schuster, it was yet another 'adios' for ... Hans Krankl.

But the story isn't over yet! In the company of his picturesquely-named lawyer Skender Fani, Hans is now weighing up all sorts of pros and cons with regard to his footballing future.

After all, he knows that he can sunbathe in Barcelona for the next 18 months, and Barcelona will be obliged to pay him his £120,000 per year plus a monthly salary of £860.

No other European club will come up with an offer to beat his terms at Barcelona, so Hans may opt to stay 'on the dole' rather than uproot his family



Cunningham better than Simonsen



SPANISH magazine *Don Balon* has run a feature comparing Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham with Barcelona's Allan Simonsen — two wingers who arrived in Spain at the same time last year.

While remarking that neither of them had a sensational first year, the magazine rates that Laurie is a more complete player than the ex-European Footballer of the Year, and the Real striker came out on top in the points chart.

Here's how the two players fared, with points out of ten in each department.

Even so, the Madrid sports paper

	Laurie	Allan
Speed	9	7
Sprinting from standing start	9	7
Strength	9	5
Ability to read the game	7	8
Skill	9	7
Intelligence	7	8
Team work	5	7
Heading ability	8	4
Individual technique	8	7
Tactical sense	6	8
Shooting	7	7

Totals 84 75

AS still seems to have a knife in Laurie Cunningham's back. They repeatedly refer to him snidely as 'Mister Patent Leather'; give him a zero in their match ratings; and run headlines such as 'Cunningham Played (?) His Usual Game'.

By contrast, Barcelona's *Mundo Deportivo* has Laurie in seventh place in their Player of the Year points table!



The first managerial casualty of the new League season in Italy is FC Udinese coach Marino Perani who was dismissed after a poor start to the League programme.

INSIDE SOCCER

BUNDESLIGA leaders Bayern Munich will be without several of their players during the winter break, playing for West Germany in the Mini World Cup in Uruguay.

So they have arranged two money spinning five-a-side tournaments, one in the Munich Olympic Hall against local rivals Munich 1860 and 1st FC Nurnberg with FK Austria also taking part; the other series will be in Frankfurt.

The ticket prices will be more than the cheapest ticket for Bayern home games and they expect to make £40,000.

No World Cup fears for

THE European Championship, with eight Finalists instead of four, was hardly a classic. Attendances were poor and the overall standard of football mediocre.

In under two years, Spain will stage the largest-ever World Cup, with 24 Finalists. Fears that it will be a disastrous tournament in many ways are widespread.

Yet one man, certainly, is confident about the World Cup and he is João Havelange, the president of soccer's ruling body, FIFA.

SHOOT caught up with Senhor Havelange recently and asked him about the possibility of a World Cup shambles.

Did you study the European Championship closely?

I don't have full details, but I am told mistakes were made. However, no competition is perfect and we always learn something new. Far be it for me to tell UEFA how to run their competitions. I understand the financial side was profitable.

Yet the games produced so much boring football ...

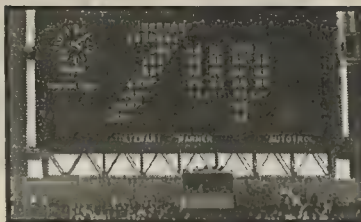
This is being constantly discussed by our board. Up to now no major change in the rules of the game has been considered feasible. In the World Cup, once the Second Round is reached,

Arconada to be sold?

SPANISH club Real Sociedad have run into a brick wall in their bid to build a new super stadium at Zubietta on the outskirts of San Sebastián.

Two left-wing Basque parties joined forces in the Town Hall to oppose planning permission, even though construction work began two years ago.

Real say they can't maintain a top-class side on the gate receipts obtained at their current Atocha stadium in the city centre, and a combination of railway tracks and river leave no room to enlarge it. Real president Orbeagoza has now hinted that the club will be forced to transfer some of their top players, such as Spanish international goalkeeper Luis Arconada and midfielder Jesus Zamora.



A timely advertisement! With seven minutes to play in the first-half during this match in the River Plate Stadium, Argentina, the electric scoreboard flashed up this ad for the soft drinks firm.

Ants in his pants

ON Brazil's Independence Day the players of Bahia and Ipiranga lined up for the National Anthem.

Unfortunately Edson, Bahia's midfielder, did not notice he was standing on an ants nest and heroically stood to attention whilst the anthem was played with the ants attacking his legs.

However, when their attack reached under his shorts he forgot about the anthem and rushed for the dressing room, where the masseur had to apply liberal quantities of ether and alcohol to soothe his bites.

"Patriotism has its limits," said the player later.

BRAZILIAN boss Tele Santana has been given an assistant who will also look after the Under-21 team. He is Edvaldo Izidrio Neto, better known as Vava when he starred at centre-forward in Brazil's success in the 1958 World Cup Final.



REMEMBER George Schwarzenbeck, the burly centre-half who played alongside Franz Beckenbauer for Bayern Munich and West Germany in the '70's? Injury forced him to retire this year and he now runs a general stores.

News flashes

● Another marathon match has been staged in Yugoslavia. This time Lubljana was the setting with the local Slavena club meeting Italian guests Gorz FC and playing continuously for 101 hours. Gorz won by 586 to 431 and 36 different players each participated for around 25 hours.

● In Gelsenkirchen, Schalke 04 experimented in their game with highly popular VFB Stuttgart. Each ticket was surcharged 25p to cover the cost of a boxing match, put on for half-time entertainment.

● Bild Zeitung of West Germany is trying to stir things up in England. Remarking on the fact that Kevin Keegan (right) has been injured three times already since joining Southampton, they point out that in two full Bundesliga seasons with Hamburg, Keegan only

missed three League games and suggest something is wrong with the way Southampton train.

● Honduras and Costa Rica, in the Central America World Cup qualifying zone, have told FIFA they refuse to play in San Salvador as the draw dictated "because of continued acts of terrorists there." FIFA said "play or else..."



● The Russian FA have suspended three First Division players for life for drinking too much: Berejnoi (Dynamo Kiev); Prokopenko (Dynamo Minsk) and Mahkovikov (the captain of Dynamo Moscow).

● A football school is soon to be set up for talented youngsters in Rotterdam.

● Italy's influential paper Corriere della Sera blames the pools scandal for a big drop in attendances this season. In the First Division, gates

THE Uruguayans reckon they'll net £4,620,000 from the Mundialito — Little World Cup — they're to stage just after Christmas.

The original idea was to reunite the six previous winners of the World Cup, though Holland are replacing England.

Uruguayan soccer has taken a dramatic turn for the better during recent months, and reports from Montevideo state that all available tickets for the tournament have already been snapped up by the local fans.

dropped for the opening weeks by more than 250,000 representing a drop of more than 8,000 spectators per game.

● I have it on good authority that Argentina manager Cesar Menotti does NOT really like playing golf. It means he has to put his cigarette down for a minute...!



Soccer with a smile

Oh brother!

AUSTRIAN soccer club Dorfspeien were not too happy to be beaten by neighbouring club Niederfuss 8-0, and were unhappier still when they learned that their own goalkeeper, Kurt Grutsch, was on his honeymoon when the game was played — and that his twin brother Erich, had been standing in for him, without their knowledge or permission. Now Kurt has been given his marching orders — and a definite "nein" was given to Erich's application to join the club on a regular basis.

Goal — then marriage

PRETTY 19-year-old Amanda Shoebridge was overjoyed when the team she supports, South Australia's Polonia, scored four times in a recent away fixture against Para Hills. As the ball shot into the net for the fourth time, she whirled about and flung her arms around the neck of the man nearest to her — 27-year-old Arthur Reed. One kiss led to another and within four days the pair announced their engagement. They plan to spend their wedding day watching Polonia in a home fixture.

Understandable violence

FORCIBLY expressing his feelings after his club had been beaten 8-2, Hungarian fan Nikolai Horvath hurled a brick through the window of a shop that displayed a notice announcing the fixture, a home game by Budapest Business League club Magda. Hauled before the courts, Nikolai was told by a magistrate: "I saw the game and can understand your feelings. There will be no fine, only a warning this time. I suggest that you find another club to support."

Lucky lad

LUCKY Emil Steines, who plays at centre-half for West German club Hopfgarten, spent the close season this year as he does every year — dating the many girls who write him fan letters during the playing months. Handsome and well-built, Emil reckons to receive, on average, 40 letters a week, more than half of these enclosing photographs and invitations to "come up and see me sometime." Will he ever marry? He declares: "When I hang up my boots, but not for many years yet."

Weak Samson

CALIFORNIAN soccer club Samson, newly-founded and still having some teething troubles, were losing 5-0 at half-time during a recent friendly fixture, and its players were loudly placing the blame on each other as they left the field for the interval. When play should have been resumed, the referee was informed: "Samson cannot finish the game. There was a 'sheenannigans' in the locker room, and many of them are cut, bruised and worn out."

Lost balls

SOME fans are very possessive when it comes to football, and Spanish side Vilas are feeling the pinch. During last season's 28 home fixtures, no fewer than 19 balls were lost, after having been kicked into the stands of their arena near Malaga. Now the club is to hold a lottery, to pay for more balls.

FIFA chief

teams must play to win — only one will go through.

Will people bother to watch, say, Nigeria versus Chile in Vigo?

Receipts in the 1978 World Cup were £100m; already we are guaranteed double this in Spain.

What about the 1986 Finals in Colombia?

I have discussed this with the President of that country and he gave me his assurances. I shall visit Colombia again in January. FIFA will do all it can to help the country stage the competition.



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Saturday, November 8
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ABERDEEN (1) 2 (McCall 2) 29,000
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HEARTS (0) 0
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Hearts: Westwater, Jeffries, Shields, Denny, Liddell, Bowman (White), Masterton, Kidd, MacDonald, Gibson, Conn.
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KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Houston) 2,300
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (McCulloch)
Kilmarnock: Brown, McLean, Clarke, Robertson, McDicken, Mauchien, Houston, Maxwell, McBride, Bourke, Crammond (Cockburn).
Airdrie: Martin, Walker, Roger, McCluskey, Anderson (G), McKeown, Clark, Russell, McCulloch, Thomson, Cairney.

PARTICK 0
MORTON 0 3,179
Partick: Rough, Doyle, Campbell, Anderson, Whitacker, Jardine, Park, Watson, Clark, Lapsley, O'Hara.
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren, Rooney, Tolmie, Cochrane, Hutchison, Thomson.

ST MIRREN 0
RANGERS 0 17,362
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, McCormack, Abercrombie, Copland, Richardson, Stark, McDougall, Somner, Bone, Weir.
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, Bett, McLean, Redford, McAdam, Johnston, MacDonald.

Scottish First

BERWICK (0) 2 (Hamilton 2 (2 pens)) 759
DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Donnelly, Brown)

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (Fleming, McCoist)

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Shirra pen, Ferguson pen) 5,112
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Carson)

DUMFERMLINE (0) 0
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Spence) 2,260

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Robertson) 1,963
HIBS (1) 1 (Jamieson)

HAMILTON (1) 1 (McManus) 2,100
AYR (0) 0

RAITH (2) 3 (Baillentyne pen, Harris, Miller) 1,750
STIRLING (0) 0

Scottish Second

ALBION 0
EAST FIFE 0 400

FORFAR 0
BRECHIN 0 811

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
QoS (1) 2 (Alexander, Robertson pen) 250

MONTROSE (0) 3 (Wright, Taylor, Murray pen) 500
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Forrest, Liddle)

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (McCoy, McGregor) 951
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Hyslop, Harley)

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 3 (Hancock, Murray 2) 890
CLYDE (0) 0

STRANRAER (0) 1 (McNab pen) 400
ALLOA (1) 3 (Park 2, McComb)

Mon, November 10

Fourth Division

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Allen) 2,780
SOUTHEND (0) 0

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Galvin) 3,248
BRADFORD (0) 2 (Watson 2)

Tuesday, November 11

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Worthington 2) 22,433
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0
Birmingham: Wealand, Langan, Hawker, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Ward, Wallace, Robertson.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson) 17,055
IPSWICH (0) 0
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.
Ipswich: Sivell, Burley (D'Aray), McCall, Mills, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Turner, Gates.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Johnson 2) 26,744
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thomas)
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish, Souness, Lee, Johnson, McDermott.
Coventry: Scaley, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Van Gool (English), Hunt, Hateley, Thomas.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Moran, Watson, Holmes) 21,244
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Rix)
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Boyer, Moran, Baker.
Arsenal: Wood, Devins, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Gattin (Price), McDermott, Rix.



Birmingham's Frank Worthington.

Second Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Barrowclough pen) 6,636
QPR (2) 2 (King, Langley)
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bator, McCaffery, Hughes, Cooper, Barrowclough, Williams, Mabbutt, Bates, Barrett.
QPR: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Howe, King, Neal, Langley, Silkman.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs) 9,072
ORIENT (0) 0
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, Christie.
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozi, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerison.

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Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Mitchell, Shinton, Wharton, Clarke, Shoulder, Hibbit.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Steal)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 7,748
Oldham: Platt, Hoolickin, Blair, Keegan, Clement, Hurst, Wyde, Fletcher, Steel, Stainrod, Hilton.
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Speight, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, McKenzie, Garner, Parkes, Stonehouse.

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 2 (Jones (og), Curran)

BOLTON (0) 0 16,262
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirdiff, Hornsby, Curran, Johnson, King, McCulloch, Mirocovic, Bolton: Poole, Graham, Burke, Thompson, Jones (Wilson), Walsh, Reid, Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowing.

SHREWSBURY 0

SWANSEA 0 5,863
Shrewsbury: Wardie, King, Leonard (McLaren), Petts, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Cross.
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, Rushbury, James (Craig), Charles, Robinson.

WATFORD (0) 0

LUTON (1) 1 (White) 16,039
Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Callaghan (Taylor), Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Roston.
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss.

WEST HAM (2) 5 (Goddard 2, Martin, Brookling, Cross)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 25,210
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brookling, Pike.
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Mann, Marshall, Merrick, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Whitehead, Ritchie, Pritchard.

Third Division

BARNLEY (2) 3 (Riley, Banks, Aylott)

HULL (0) 0 11,628

BURNLEY 0

WALSALL 0 5,570

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Coughlin)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Kinson) 3,998

CHARLTON (3) 3 (Berry, Robinson, Hales)

NEWPORT (0) 0 6,991

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Bonnyman)

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 15,992

COLCHESTER (2) 3 (Wignall, Allinson 2)

FULHAM (1) 2 (Beck, Davies) 2,543

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Mehmet, Chatterton)

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Booker, Hurlock) 4,274

ROTHERHAM (2) 4 (Sbragia (og), Goodwin, Moore 2 (1 pen))

BLACKPOOL (0) 0 6,367

SWINDON (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Laidlaw, Showers) 8,164

Fourth Division

BURY 0

HARTLEPOOL 0 2,301

DARLINGTON (0) 5 (Stalker, Walsh, Hawker, Charlton, Hamilton pen)

DONCASTER (0) 0 2,092

HALIFAX (1) 2 (McIlwraith pen, Nattress)

PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Cooke, Gynn, Kellock) 1,151

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Stewart)

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Wellings) 2,019

WIMBLEDON (1) 4 (Leslie, Cork pen, Cunningham 2)

MANSFIELD (0) 0 2,204

Wednesday, November 12

League Cup

(Fourth Round, second replay)

W.B.A. (0) 2 (Regis 2)

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce) 15,218
W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes (Mills).
Preston: Tunks, Westwell, McAteer, Burns (Taylor), Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Coleman, Elliott, Bruce, McGee.

First Division

LEEDS (0) 2 (Hird 2, 1 pen)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Jankovic) 17,382
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Connor, Sabella, Graham.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Nattress, Johnston, Ashcroft, McAndrew, MacDonald (Hedley), Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

LEICESTER (0) 0

EVERTON (0) 1 (Eastoe) 15,511
Leicester: Wallington, Carr, Scott, Peake, May, O'Neill, Hamill, Lineker, Young, Wilson, Williams.
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Stanley, O'Keefe, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

MANCHESTER UTD 0

WOLVES 0 37,969
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, Moran, Duxbury, Coppell, Birdies, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphreys, Hollifield, Daniel, Brazier, Hughes, Hibbit, Atkinson, Clarke, Richards, Eves.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Paddon)

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Shaw 2, Evans) 15,505
Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Downs, McGuire, McDowell, Nightingale, Barham, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Arnott, Cooke)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 23,387
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Hindmarch, Elliott (Marangoni), Buckley, Arnott, Rowell, Robson, Cooke, Cummins.
Manchester City: Corrigan, Ranson, MacDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Tuerst (Bennett), Gow, Mackenzie, Henry, Reeves.

TOTTENHAM (1) 4 (Crooks 3, Archibald)

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Hilaire, Walsh) 25,777
Tottenham: Daines, McAllister (Roberts), Hughton, Miller, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Lovell, Francis, Walsh, Flanagan, Hilaire.



Steve Archibald of Spurs.

Second Division

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Kitchen pen)

WREXHAM (0) 0 4,562
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Lewis, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Micallef (Grapes), Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.
Wrexham: Davies, Salathiel, Jones, Davies, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Sutton, Edwards, Vinter, Cartwright (Arkwright).

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee)

DERBY (1) 3 (Wilson, Clark, Reid) 19,449
Chelsea: Borota, Nutton, Rofe, Bumstead, Chivers (Hutchings), Droy, Driver, Britton, Lee, Walker, Rhodes-Brown.
Derby: Jones, Emery, Osgood, Skivington, Powell (S), Ramage, Clark, Swindlehurst, Biley, Wilson, Emson (Reid).

Third Division

CHESTER (0) 1 (Ludlam)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0 2,247

EXETER (1) 1 (Deive)

OXFORD (0) 1 (Foley) 3,241

READING (0) 0

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Hughes) 4,648

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 3 (Coyne 2, Scott)

TRANMERE (0) 0 3,173

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Bartley)

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 1,640

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Harford 3, Shipley, Neale)

TORQUAY (0) 0 5,050

WIGAN (1) 3 (Quinn 2, Urquhart)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 3,375

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Semi-Final, first-leg)

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Bannon)

CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas) 14,000
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Kirkwood, Pettigrew, Sturrock, Dodds.
Celtic: Bonnar, McGrain, Reid, Aikien, McDonald, McAdam, Provau, Weir, McCluskey (McGarvey), Burns, Doyle (Nicholas).

Saturday, November 15

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Sunderland, Batson og)

WBA (1) 2 (Barnes, Owen pen) 25,855
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.
WBA: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes (Mills).

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shaw)

LEEDS (1) 1 (Sabella) 29,106
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Connor, Sabella, Graham.

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Blair, Hunt)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Curbishley) 18,758
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Thomas, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Blair, Hately, Thompson, Hunt.
Birmingham: Wealdens, Langan, Hawker, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Francis pen, Cohen og)

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Kennedy (R), McDermott) 31,154
C. Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Lovell, Francis, Walsh, Flanagan (Seely), Hilaire.
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson (Case), Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON (1) 2 (O'Keefe, Hartford)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Robson) 24,099
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Stanley, O'Keefe, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford (Megson), Hartford, McBride.
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Hindmarch, Allardye, Buckley, Arnott, Rowell, Cooke, Robson, Cummins.

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Gates, Williams og, D'Avray)

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Williams) 19,852
Ipswich: Sivell, Mills, McCall, Osborne, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates (D'Avray).
Leicester: Wallington, Carr, Scott, Peake, May, O'Neill, Hamill, Lineker (Henderson), Young, Wilson, Williams.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 3 (Gow, Bennett, Reeves)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 32,661
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Gow, Reid, Booth, Power, Bennett, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves.
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan (Hebbard), Channon, Boyer, Moran, Baker.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Johnston)

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Jordan) 20,606
Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattress, Bailey, Johnston, Ashcroft (Hedley), McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McLroy, Moran, Duxbury, Coppell, Birdies, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Archibald 2, Ardiles) 25,400
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, Ponte (O'Neill), Lloyd, Burns, Mills, Bowyer, Ward, Wallace, Robertson.
Tottenham: Daines, McAllister, Hughton, Miller, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Villa, Hoddle, Crooks.

STOKE (1) 3 (Chapman 3)

NORWICH (0) 1 (Royle) 11,207
Stoke: Fox, Eves, Hampton, Doyle, Dodd, Munro, Richardson, Heath, Chapman, O'Callaghan, Bracewell.
Norwich: Hansbury, Nightingale, Downs, Barham, Bond, McDowell, McGuire, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Woods (Bennett).

WOLVES (0) 0

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Robinson 2) 15,946
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Hollifield, Daniel (Carr), Brazier, Hughes, Hibbit, Atkinson, Clarke, Richards, Eves.
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Stonehouse, Keeley)

CARDIFF (0) 3 (Kitchen 2, Buchanan) 7,854
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Stonehouse, Garner, McKenzie, Speight.
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Thomas, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Giles, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

BRISTOL CITY 0

PRESTON 0 8,042
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Mann, Whitehead, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick (Merrick), Garland, Ritchie, Pritchard.
Preston: Tunks, Westwell, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Coleman (Taylor), Elliott, Bruce, McGee.

DERBY (0) 0

CAMBRIDGE (1) 3 (Gibbins, Christie, Lyons) 15,179
Derby: Jones, Skivington, Osgood, Clark, Powell (S), Ramage, Powell (B), Swindlehurst, Biley, Wilson, Clayton.
Cambridge: Kay, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, Christie.

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Cunning)

SHREWSBURY (0) 0 8,737
Grimsbey: Batch, Stone, Crosby, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cummings.
Shrewsbury: Wardie, King, Larkin, Petts, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Cross.

LUTON (2) 3 (Stein 2, Moss)

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Brooking 2) 17,031
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood (West), Moss.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brookling, Pike.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Shinton)

SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0 19,161
Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Mitchell, Shinton, Wharton, Clarke, Shoulder, Hibbit.
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirdiff, Hornsby, Curran, Johnson, King, McCulloch, Mirocovic (Mellor).

ORIENT (1) 2 (Moore, Taylor (P))

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (McCaferry 2) 5,100
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Parsons, Chiedoie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor (P).
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Giles, Bate, McCaffery, Hughes, Cooper (Emmanuel), Penny, Williams, Mabbutt, Bates, Barrett.

QPR (1) 2 (Silkman (pen), Neal)

OLDHAM (0) 0 8,223
QPR: Woods, Shanks (Micklewhite), Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Howe, Roeder, King, Neal, Langley, Silkman.
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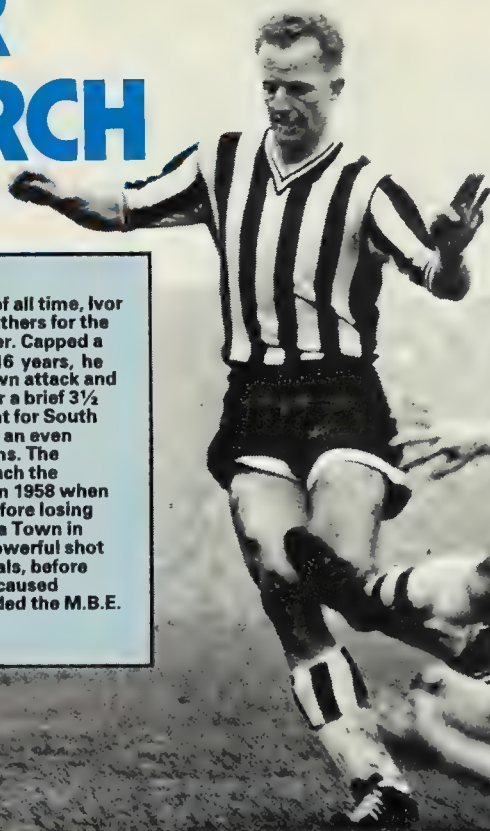
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ONE of the most popular Welsh footballers of all time, Ivor Allchurch remained loyal to the land of his fathers for the greater part of his lengthy professional career. Capped a record 68 times for Wales over a span of 16 years, he enjoyed over 12 seasons in the Swansea Town attack and three with Cardiff City, leaving home only for a brief 3½ years with Newcastle United. His attachment for South Wales probably prevented him from earning an even bigger reputation with more successful teams. The highlight of his career was helping Wales reach the Quarter-Finals of the World Cup in Sweden in 1958 when they surprised Hungary with a 2-1 victory before losing 1-0 to Brazil. Making his debut with Swansea Town in 1949-50 this artistic inside-forward with a powerful shot played in 694 League games, scoring 251 goals, before retiring in 1968. A true sportsman, he never caused referees a moment's trouble, and was awarded the M.B.E. for his services to the game.



TIME is liable to cloud judgment and the reputations of some great players of the past seem to grow beyond all reason, but it is certain that this Welshman's place in the game's history is well deserved and we cannot exaggerate his talent as a winger. His record speaks for itself. With the rise in the number of internationals his record of 48 appearances for Wales has long been passed except in one respect — all of those 48 appearances were in the British Championship! Although he played the last of those games in 1920 it is a record that still seems unlikely to be equalled. The fact that he was nearly 46 years of age when he made that final international appearance against England at Highbury is another record that should stand for ever. Known as "The Prince of Wingers", Billy Meredith joined Manchester City from Northwich Victoria in October, 1894. He played his last game for the City at the age of 49 years eight months in 1924. Between times he also had a spell with Manchester United and in all made 692 League appearances. Whether he or Stanley Matthews was the greatest outside-right of all time can never be decided.

BILLY MEREDITH



JOHAN NEESKENS

AN all-time great among the warriors of football, lionhearted Johan Neeskens gives 100 per cent effort and endeavour in every match. Born on September 15th, 1951, he first emerged as right-back in the Ajax team that won the 1971 European Cup, switching to midfield for the repeat triumphs in 1972 and 1973. An important cog in Holland's 'total football' machine during the 1974 World Cup, he then followed Johan Cruyff to Barcelona, remaining the undisputed idol of the Catalan fans for five years. Ironically, Barcelona released him after he'd helped them win the 1979 Cup-Winners' Cup — their first international success for over a decade. Meanwhile, Neeskens' international reputation had been strengthened by sterling work in the 1978 World Cup and the Dutchman, besieged with offers, finally chose to continue his career with the Cosmos in the USA.

BOBBY LENNOX

THIS inside-forward or outside-left from Saltcoats was one of the stars of the great Celtic team that not only carried off the Scottish League title nine times in succession between 1965 and 1974, but was the first to bring the European Cup home to Britain when they beat Internazionale 2-1 in Lisbon in 1967. Bobby Lennox made his first team debut for Celtic in 1961-62 but with National Service interrupting his career at that point he did not gain a regular place in the side until 1964-65 when he collected the first of his five Scottish Cup winners' medals. In his best season, 1967-68, he scored 32 League goals in 28 appearances. He played ten times for Scotland.



GORDON BANKS

ONE of the world's finest ever goalkeepers whose career was cut short by a tragic car crash in which he lost an eye. A member of England's 1966 World Cup team, few people will ever forget his amazing save from Pelé's header in the 1970 World Cup game against Brazil. Began with Chesterfield in 1955, and moved on to Leicester, for whom he appeared at Wembley in the 1963 F.A. Cup Final. Also played in the League Cup Finals of 1964 and 1965, by which time he had already gained his first full England cap, against Scotland in April, 1963. A master of the reflex save, his positioning and agility made him the world's best 'keeper during the 1960's. Joined Stoke City in 1967 for a six-figure fee, and still holds both club records as their most capped international player (37 at Leicester, 36 while with Stoke). Helped City gain their first major honour when they beat Chelsea 2:1 in the 1972 League Cup Final, and would undoubtedly have added further honours to his collection were it not for that tragic accident. Went into coaching for a spell, and currently the general manager of Telford United.

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MARTIN PETERS

SCORER of England's second goal in the 4-2 defeat of West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final. Now in his 20th year in League football, Martin Peters' career started with West Ham in 1960. He soon established himself as an outstanding midfielder player, helping the club to victory in the 1965 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final. Had already gained Youth and Under-23 honours for England, and won his first full cap in May, 1966 against Yugoslavia. Missed the first game of the World Cup tournament that year, but returned against Mexico to play a crucial part in England's subsequent success. In March, 1970 Peters went to Tottenham in an exchange deal with Jimmy Greaves worth £200,000, a British record at the time. Helped his new club to victory in the 1971 and 1973 League Cup Finals, and also starred for the club in the U.E.F.A. Cup Finals of 1972 and 1974. Gained the last of his 67 full England caps against Scotland in 1974, and was surprisingly released to Norwich City for just £50,000 in March, 1975. A struggling First Division side when he joined them, his inspirational leadership and first-class experience helped Norwich to a stability in the top League which could never have previously been predicted. Joined Sheffield United at the beginning of the season as player-coach.

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DUNCAN EDWARDS

THIS powerful wing-half was only 21 years of age when he died from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster which shattered the brilliant Manchester United team in 1958, but he had already achieved so much in the first-class game that there is no doubt that he should be ranked among the all-time greats. Making his debut for Manchester United at the age of 16, he had helped them win the F.A. Youth Cup three times, the League Championship twice and also collected an

F.A. Cup Finalists' medal in 1957. In addition he had already played 18 times for England in full internationals as well as four times for England "B" and six for the England Under-23 side. As a schoolboy he had played nine times for his country. Matt Busby once described him as "the most complete footballer he had ever seen". Praise indeed. Blessed with a fine physique, he used this to full advantage as a 90-minute player who was always brimful of confidence.



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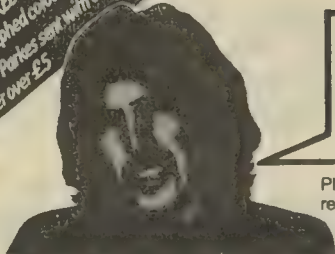
FRENCH goalscorer Just Fontaine took his place among the all-time greats when he hit 13 goals during the 1958 World Cup Finals — a record unbeaten to this day. Born in Marrakesh on August 18th, 1933, he started his goalscoring with Nice (winning one Cup and one League title) before joining Kopa and Planhol to form a deadly trio at Stade Helms. With Fontaine averaging 30 goals a season, Reims stacked up trophy after trophy. And in the 1958 World Cup it was a soccer sensation when they scored 23 goals in six matches to clinch third place. Fontaine scored in every match, hitting a hat-trick against Paraguay and four more in an epic 6-3 win over West Germany. Tragically, Fontaine broke a leg in a French League match against Sochaux and was forced to quit at the age of 27 with only 20 international caps to his credit.



JAIRZINHO

BORN on December 15th, 1944, and christened Ventura Filho Jair, "Jairzinho" had the daunting task of taking over from the legendary Garrincha on the right-wing both at Botafogo and in the Brazilian national team. He not only succeeded but in an international career of 80 matches established himself as a legend in his own right. A sensational sprinter blessed with the best of Brazilian soccer skills and a violent shot with either foot, he made his World Cup debut in the team that was brutally kicked out of the 1966 Finals. But four years later he turned on a five-star performance in Brazil's super-team, scoring seven times in six matches, including the vital goal against England and one in the Final against Italy. He made a third World Cup appearance in 1974, scoring two of Brazil's six goals, then had a brief adventure with French club Marseille before returning to Brazil, where he is still playing League football.

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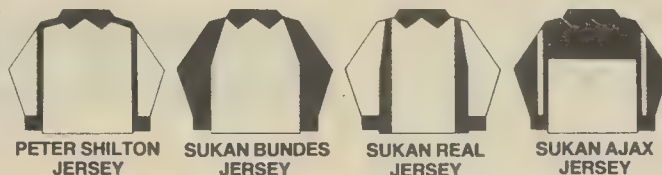


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'Giles number one

If a young fan ever asks me which player I admire most, I have to tell him a dozen or so. There are so many players, past and present, with various skills it's almost impossible to single one out. For instance, I admire Ron Harris and Rivelino — and you won't get more different types of players than that pair!

I've always thought Bobby Moore had the ideal temperament. He *must* have been flustered at times, yet never seemed to show it. On the field he had so much time — he was one move ahead of everyone else.

What, for me, underlined Bobby's coolness was the incident immediately before the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico. He was accused of stealing a bracelet in Colombia and was even held in custody to face charges.

Hardly the ideal preparation for the defence of the World Cup, yet when Bobby finally joined up with the rest of the squad he carried on as if nothing at all had happened. Again, inside he must have been angry at the ridiculous accusations — outwardly he was the perfect captain, showing no signs of emotion or frustration.

When I was younger I was compared with Johnny Giles, which pleased me as the former Leeds midfielder is the best passer of the ball I've seen.

He rarely gave the ball away, or got himself in a position to have it taken from him. Johnny managed to put just the right amount of weight on each pass, so it landed exactly where he wanted it to.

I've always liked to play the long ball. At Chelsea I was grateful to have Tommy Langley up front as he was such a good target man he often made a bad pass seem accurate!

Skill

I've never really practised passing, it's a skill I seem to have the knack of doing.

I hope that I can work up a good understanding with Garry Birtles, who, like Tommy Langley, likes to run forward on to a long ball.

Alan Ball is rated by many as the best short-passer of recent years, although I'd also put Alan Hudson and Jim McCalliog alongside Ballie.

The Blackpool player/manager lacked a little speed, but made up for this with the quickness of his first-time ball. His soccer brain was also so alert that as soon as the ball came to him he could lay it off immediately to a team-mate.

It may surprise you that I rate McCalliog, a former Scottish international, so highly. I watched him closely on several occasions and if I'm not mistaken it was his pass which enabled Bobby Stokes to score Southampton's winner against United in the 1976 F.A. Cup Final.

Alan Hudson? He had so much talent — I've no idea why he never fulfilled his potential. He could hold the ball so well, allowing team-mates to run into good positions. A tragedy Huddy didn't continue his progression.

The strongest midfielder at the

BELOW . . . "Johnny Giles managed to put the right weight on each pass."

BELOW, RIGHT . . . "Bobby Moore was always one move ahead."



moment must be Graeme Souness. He's playing the best football of his career right now, winning the ball nine times out of ten and finding his man with ease.

He must be so confident playing in that Liverpool team, and it's showing in his play. Mind you, Liverpool have what is possibly the most individual system of all clubs. Each player has a specific task and the way they play makes it difficult for them to play in a different set-up.

This may be why Graeme and The Reds' other Scots, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen, haven't quite reached the same peaks for country as they have for club.

I can't say I've ever been frightened by an opponent. When I was younger I remember how the Southampton midfielder Brian O'Neill used to stare at me without blinking, which was a bit offputting.

The Italians aren't as bad as

people make out. They have one or two bad 'uns, but so do we, being honest.

It was an English player who committed the worst foul I've ever experienced. It was at Stamford Bridge and the ball bounced in between us. I could see what he was going to do and his studs caught me on the knee. I can't reveal his name as he's still playing and I wouldn't want to start an open feud. But he knows . . .

I've been fortunate enough to play under some first-class captains and I'll always be grateful to Ron Harris and John Hollins when I was at Chelsea. Ron was an aggressive skipper, and I couldn't possibly print some of the things he said to gee-up players.

John Hollins was the opposite, but just as effective. If we were 1-0 down with ten minutes to go, Ron would be urging us on while John would set the perfect example by



was the passer'



running his legs off.

Arsenal are fortunate to have him. There are few fitter players around, although Brian Talbot also seems to have five lungs. Terry McDermott is another midfielder who has an endless supply of energy... although all three are far more than just runners.

I played against Rivelino and studied him closely when I was on the bench when we played Brazil in Los Angeles. What an incredible player. He knew everything that was going on and what was going to happen next. He played with the minimum of effort, the hallmark of a great player, someone who makes difficult things look simple. You can never coach that into a player — you either have it or you don't.

Three particularly fast players I've played with and against are Peter Barnes, Liam Brady and Clive Walker. When he puts his mind to it Peter can be virtually unstoppable. Remember the way he went past the Italians at Wembley in 1977?

Liam goes past players so easily and in a blink he's away. He was already a fabulous player when he joined Juventus and no doubt playing in Italy will make him even better.

Like Peter, when Clive Walker is

"What Alan Ball lacked in speed he made up with his quickness of a first-time pass."

on song he can be lethal. Give Clive the ball and let him run at a defence and he can cause havoc.

Diego Maradona turned on a superb display when Argentina came to Wembley in May. The moment when he went past four of our players and put the ball inches wide will stay with me forever. A pal remarked that he wouldn't have minded the ball going in the net, so he could have witnessed such a great goal. Trouble is, the score was 0-0 at the time and they could have gone on to bury us!

Finally, the central defender I've tremendous admiration for is Dave Watson. I know Dave well and his attitude towards the game is never less than 100 per cent professional. In the air he has few superiors. Dave's also so good on the ground — few forwards go past him.

Join me again next week for the bumper Christmas issue.

Ray Winstanley



Stuart Boam for the help he gave me.

"He kept shouting at me and gave advice on how to deal with different situations, and this was a real boost."

But in Withe's next outing for Newcastle, away to Chelsea, United crashed 6-0, and Chris came in for the sort of "roasting" against winger Phil Driver that could have destroyed the confidence of a less resilient character than the young Magpies' full-back.

"Phil was very quick and direct," recalls Withe. "And at the end of his runs, he got over some accurate crosses. Also, Chelsea did find the ball was running to their advantage, though I'm not making any excuses."

"They used both wings well, and it was just a thoroughly bad day for us all-round."

"As an experience, I suppose it's the kind of set-back that all players and teams have to accept from time to time, and I made up my mind to profit from it and try to work out why we were on the receiving end of such a drubbing."

For the Newcastle boss, Arthur Cox, there was no doubt in his mind as to why his side lost by such a margin. He also defended Withe.

He said: "Chelsea took their chances and we failed to make the most of ours. They weren't six

Chris Withe's hero-big brother Peter

BEFORE his transfer to his present club, Aston Villa, Peter Withe was a favourite of the Newcastle United fans as the spearhead of The Magpies' attack.

Now another Withe is making his bid for fame at Gallowgate — his name is Chris, he is only 18 years of age, and unlike his famous brother his job is preventing goals, not scoring them.

And the younger Withe has wasted no time in settling down on Tyneside. Ten days after he had signed professional forms for United, Chris was pitchforked into the Newcastle team at left-back for their home game against Shrewsbury at St. James' Park in October.

Previously, there had been a hold-up — on the day he was to put his name on the dotted line for United, his birthday, the young defender developed chickenpox, which delayed his signature for a week.

Says Chris: "Becoming a Newcastle player gave me the biggest thrill of my life, and I was impatient that illness postponed my joining the club for a few days."

"Then everything seemed to happen so quickly, with my first team selection coming as it did — knowing I was going to make my League debut made me nervous until the time I stepped on to the field against Shrewsbury."

"After that, I found that I was gaining confidence every minute as the game progressed, and I have been, which is why I'm work-seemed to adjust alright to what was going on around me — but I must say that I owed a lot to

goals the better team."

When Withe previously thought about a soccer future, it was one in which he saw himself as a midfielder man rather than a full-back.

"As a schoolboy, I played in midfield, and it was then that I signed for Liverpool. Then I was moved to full-back when I went to Newcastle."

And it is Withe's big brother, Peter, who volunteers an explanation as to why Chris was chosen as a back-four player by The Magpies.

Says Peter: "Chris was a left-sided player, and left-footed full-backs are not too thick on the ground these days."

'Dictated'

"And I think that Chris has the talent to make a success of the left-back role. Newcastle originally took him with a view to using him as a forward, but circumstances dictated otherwise, and his left-foot is so good that I'm certain he can't fail to use it to good effect in the back-four."

"But if there are problems, I'm always ready to offer brotherly advice — we chat on the 'phone two or three times a week."

And Chris confirms his liaison with the elder Withe.

"I've always looked up to Peter — if I've had a soccer hero, it has always been him."

"I want to be as successful as he has been, which is why I'm working hard to realise my biggest ambition — to win a regular place in Newcastle's first team."

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DENNIS Tueart has had plenty of ups and downs in his football career. But he doesn't regret any of his controversial moves between clubs.

He says: "They have always been at exactly the right time for me. I'm the sort of person who makes a decision and then sticks to it."

"I'd made up my mind to leave Manchester City two years ago but all my friends told me not to go to America. They said that I would do better to wait."

Tueart netted 59 goals in 140 League games. Since his return in February, he has averaged around a goal every other game for City.

He gives part of the credit to new manager John Bond who, he says, "has encouraged me a great deal. And he wants the ball played forward quicker, which can only be good for strikers."

The other reason for Tueart's improved scoring is a role change which he initiated himself. He plays just behind the two front men and makes devastating runs

He won the North American Soccer League with the Cosmos but, once more, things ended in disillusionment. He had a row over his contract and when the chance came to rejoin Manchester City in January this year, he grabbed it.

"I never thought I'd come back to English football. I was happy in the States and my stay there was a tremendous experience and education."

"I haven't had many problems readjusting to English football."

One of the things you have to remember is that a lot of the players at the Cosmos were over the top and the work fell on to me.

"Through that, the pace was no problem for me when I returned to the English League. Having been at Manchester City before, the biggest problem for me was mentally adjusting."

"I seem to have managed that now and I'm delighted to be back in Manchester. I'm content here — and hope I'll be on a permanent up for the rest of my career."

No more targets for Tueart

"When I came back this year, it meant a big drop in pay for me. But again, it was the right move at the right time."

"The one regret I used to have was I didn't leave Sunderland earlier. I think if I had done, I would have made it to the England team more quickly. On the other hand, I would have missed out on that fabulous F.A. Cup Final win against Leeds in 1973."

Tueart couldn't be happier right now. He's just moved into a new house in Manchester with his wife Joan and their first baby Mark.

The Tuearts aren't likely to forget the day their child was born. Dennis was told about it during

at defences.

"It's an attacking role but also allows me to act as a go-between linking defence and attack. We never seemed to be able to get that under Malcolm Allison, which is why I suggested it to him."

"It's very difficult for English back fours to pick up someone in that position because traditionally, they've tended to hang back."

Tueart made his debut for Sunderland on Boxing Day, 1968, but it was during his club's run to Wembley in 1973 that he really caught the eye of other clubs.

Soon after Wembley, though, it all turned sour for Tueart at Roker Park. Six months after the Cup victory, he was placed on the transfer list at his own request and his manager Bob Stokoe accused him of not trying.

Tueart admitted: "I found it impossible to raise myself for ordinary League games. There was nothing to motivate me."

That all changed after Manchester City signed him for a club record £275,000 in March of 1974.

Exciting

He also became a regular England player and in 1976, scored the goal that won City the League Cup in an exciting Final against Wolves.

Eventually, though, he became disillusioned at Maine Road, too. He was dropped in 1976 and then had a row with the club over money.

He seemed to have settled his differences when he signed a six year contract the following year. But he continued to have problems about his role in the team.

He asked for a move soon after signing the contract and manager Tony Book granted it. But he turned down Aston Villa, Q.P.R. and more dramatically, Manchester United.

"I'd decided it would be better for me to play abroad to expand my football knowledge, though I was thinking more of Europe than America."

He signed, though, for New York Cosmos for £250,000, early in 1978. It was a deal that made him financially secure.



Manager John Bond.

the half-time interval of a game at Wolves in April — and went out to score the second-half winner that gave his team their first win for four months.

The family are happy in Manchester. Says Dennis: "All our friends are here and I'm looking forward to finishing my career at Maine Road. I've no particular targets left in football now. Just to maintain a high level of performance and help the club to become a force in the game again."

His career is on a definite up at the moment. He's leading scorer for Manchester City and scored four times in a League Cup win over Notts County in September, despite a light plaster cast on his arm.

In his first period at Maine Road,

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

STRIKERS

1. Has Wolves' John Richards won any full international caps? If so, for which country?
2. Charlton Athletic striker Derek Hales has played for three other League clubs. Can you name them?
3. Robbie Cooke has been scoring goals regularly for which Fourth Division club this season?
4. Which player — Alan Young (Leicester, pictured), Bob Hatten (Sheffield United) or Tony Grealish (Luton Town) — is not a recognised striker?
5. Andy Ritchie scored his first goal for Brighton against which club recently?



FOREIGNERS

The following players have been imported by Football League clubs. Can you name the sides they play for?
1. Bosco Jankovic. 2. Ivan Katalinic. 3. Nicky Jovanovic. 4. Petar Borota. 5. Loek Ursem.

PAST STARS...

1. Roger Hunt's 41 League goals in the 1961-62 season is still a record for which First Division club?
2. Neil, John or Dave Young scored the only goal of the 1968-69 F.A. Cup Final for Manchester City against Leicester City at Wembley?
3. Former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks played for two League clubs during his career... can you name them?
4. Did Tommy Gemmell score for Celtic in their historic 2-1 European Cup Final win against Inter Milan in 1967?
5. Did Jock Stein ever play for Scotland?

...AND PRESENT

1. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top Premier Division striker and his club... KRMACHMEGE (EEEEBARN).
2. Who is the present Football Writers' Footballer of the Year?
3. Simon Stainrod was transferred recently from Oldham Athletic to which other Second Division club for £300,000?
4. Manchester United's Gordon McQueen began his League career with which Scottish club?
5. Trevor Cherry of Leeds United is an international for which country?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Mar. (3) Francis. (5) Joe Corrigan. (7) John. (8) Menu. (9) Tug. (13) Was. (14) Ours. (15) Obey. (18) Neil Smillie. (19) Houston. (20) Err. DOWN:— (1) Meadow. (2) Recorded. (3) Feet. (4) Sugrue. (5) Johnson. (6) Notable. (7) Jaw. (10) Gay. (11) Polish. (12) Pressure. (16) Vinter. (17) Alan.

ANSWERS

PAST STARS: 1. Liverpool. 2. Neil. 3. Leicester City. 4. Yes. 5. No. PRESENT: 1. Mark McGhee (Aberdeen). 2. Liverpool's Terry McDermott. 3. Queens Park Rangers. 4. St Mirren. 5. England. FOREIGNERS: 1. Middlesbrough. 2. Southampton. 3. Manchester United. 4. Chelsea. 5. Stoke City. STRIKERS: 1. Yes, one cap for England. 2. Luton. Derby County and West Ham. 3. Peterborough United. 4. Grealish. 5. Manchester United.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

It is several years since a side were as heavily tipped to win promotion to the First Division as West Ham United, the F.A. Cup holders and pride of East London.

They were most people's favourites to regain First Division status long before the season started after missing out in 1979-80.

Now, with the Christmas festivities bringing the League programme to the halfway stage, The Hammers are on course for League glory in four months time and possible success in the Cup-Winners' Cup after reaching the Quarter-Finals.

They had lost only three League games by the start of December and were riding high at the top of the table just ahead of Chelsea and Notts County.

They are supremely confident of achieving success this season because John Lyall, one of the most gifted manager's in the game, has built the best balanced side The Hammers have fielded since Moore, Peters and Hurst thrilled the paying customers at Upton Park.

West Ham have always been rich in talent but their "pretty pretty" football often flattered to deceive, bringing warm smiles from the terraces but heartache to the boardroom when the club often faltered at critical moments, costing them the trophies their thrill-

West Ham's top scorer this season, David Cross celebrates a goal against Bolton at Upton Park.

by Bill Day

ling style often merited.

Now, Lyall has made a significant change to the pattern of West Ham's football and the construction of the team.

The stylists remain to weave their magic across the pitch in a smoothly efficient team, but they have been joined by a more rugged, fiercely competitive group offering steel to the seam of gold running through the team.

If Trevor Brooking, the darling of the crowd, is overdoing the fancy stuff, Ray Stewart, the tough, craggy Scot from Dundee United,



Manager John Lyall.

Hammers heading for glory

is there at the England man's heels offering a more straightforward and direct approach.

If Alan Devonshire's sinuous runs, so devastating against most defences, are suddenly ineffective, Billy Bonds can take over to offer a full-blooded alternative.

And up front there is the lethal finishing of David Cross and Paul Goddard.

It means a distinct difference between the West Ham which carried off the F.A. Cup in 1975 and the one heading for promotion this season. If the ball artistes had an off day five years ago, The Hammers were often beaten. Now, they have more to offer to compensate for a player's loss of form.

A crucial test of West Ham's pedigree comes this weekend (December 13th) when they play Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, a tough assignment for both clubs.

It brings together two old adversaries, Billy Bonds and Howard Kendall, who share remarkably similar backgrounds. Both have made an outstanding contribution to the game without ever persuad-

ing an England manager that they were worthy of a full England cap.

Bonds comments: "I played with Howard at England Under-23 level and he was always a good player. I think he was dead unlucky not to be capped in his career.

"He will make it hard for us at Ewood Park."

Bonds sounds a note of caution when he discusses the prospects of promotion.

"This is such an open Division this season that anyone can take the title. Blackburn, for one, have a good chance of winning it."

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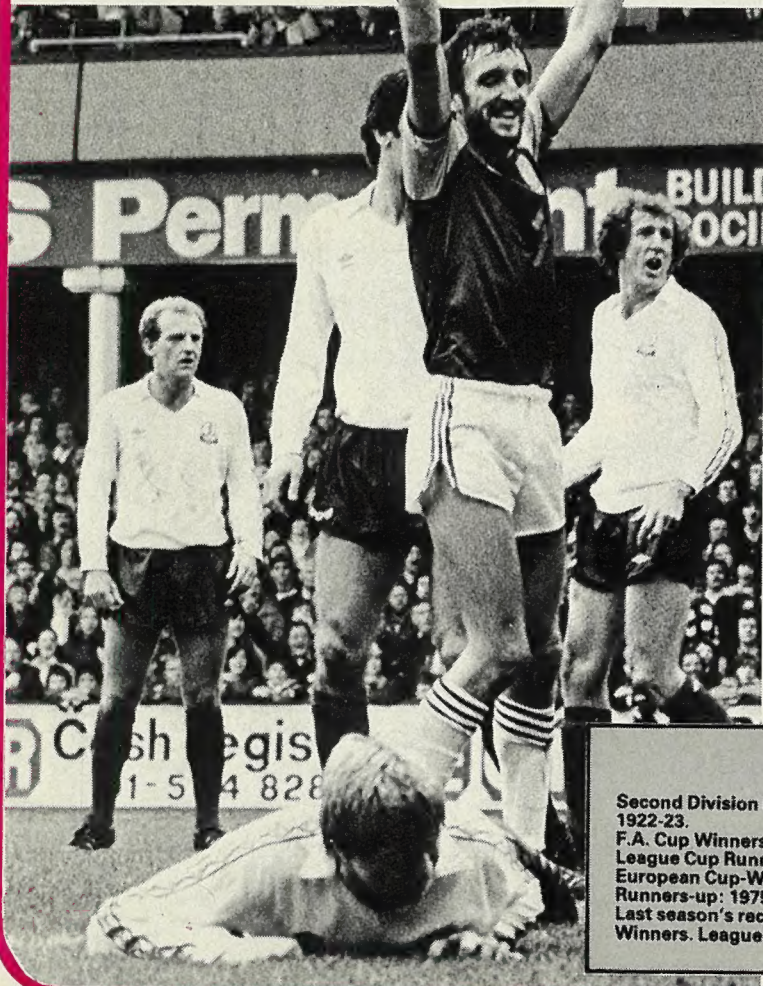
Bonds reckons that Luton, Watford and Derby County are the three best sides West Ham have met this season. He arrives at that conclusion from the bitter experience of suffering defeats at the hands of Luton, who achieved the double over them, and Derby.

The first Luton set-back, was on the opening day of the season at Upton Park. Derby County shot two goals past Phil Parkes at the Baseball Ground at the end of November, and some fear that they could yet mount a sustained challenge to test the nerve of West Ham, Chelsea and Notts County.

The strength of the new-look West Ham is their depth of talent. When Trevor Brooking was sidelined, they compensated for the England midfielder's loss by shuffling the team and drawing on the rich vein of talent performing heroically in the reserves.

Another West Ham asset is that the club has a "family" atmosphere, rarely making headlines revealing that players are disenchanted, the manager's due for the sack, or the boardroom are fighting.

Little of the seamy side of football will be found in London E.13 — but if a spectator enjoys football, there is no finer side to watch in the Second Division.



The Hammers' other main striker is Paul Goddard.

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